

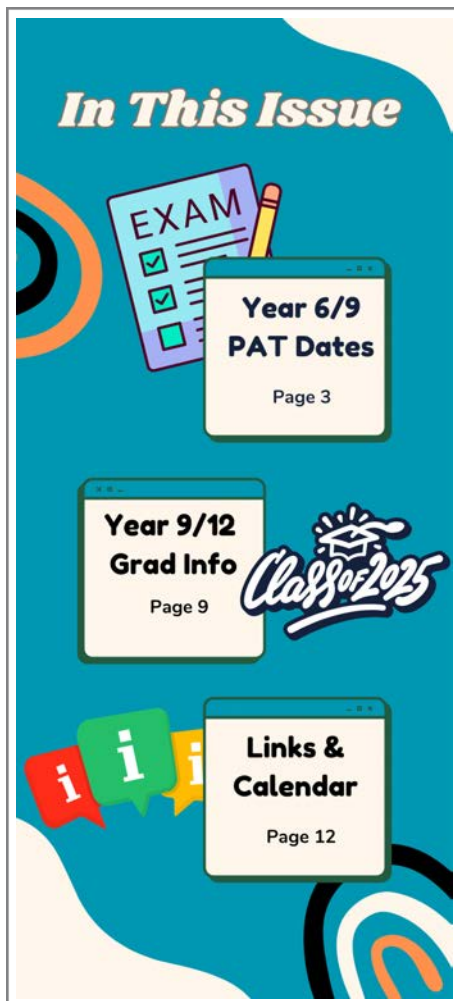
The Art of Learning

Message from Administration

April was a vibrant month at all our campuses, filled with enriching activities and events. We are grateful for the warmer weather that has allowed community walks and outdoor classes to resume, and we look forward to the many events and celebrations still to come in May and June.

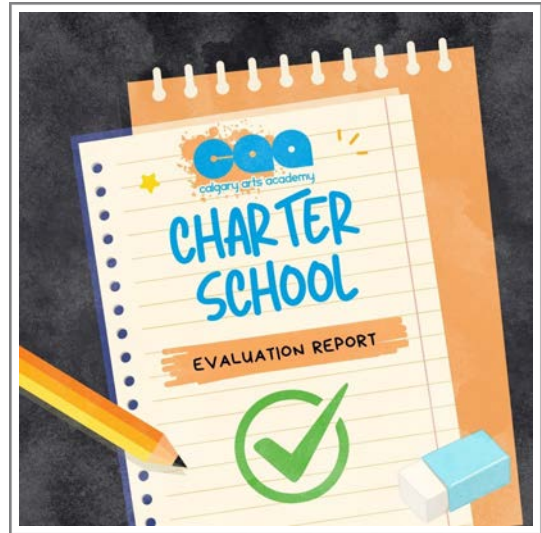
This month's developmental asset is Positive Identity. Watch your email for resources and supports!

Join us for our vibrant Colours of Spring celebration at the Rosscarrock Campus, a family event filled with music, art, and community spirit! Watch for details in the School Council updates for more information, volunteer opportunities and how to register for an artisan table.



Message from Administration continued.

We are pleased to share that our Charter School Evaluation Report from Alberta Education yielded excellent news. We successfully passed all 12 criteria and received positive feedback for the continued development of our charter vision. We extend our sincere gratitude to our community and all those who contributed to this process. The full report is available on the website for your review. Our staff celebrated this achievement and their hard work during our April PD Day.



The review process is always a great chance for reflection and connection. The team from Alberta Education encouraged us to move our School Council to a three-campus model. This change would allow each campus to prioritize on its unique needs, increase parent involvement within their child's campus community and access more funds as three separate registered societies through casinos and other fundraising opportunities. As School Council is run by parent volunteers, we are seeking your support in this transition. We have executive positions available (chair, vice-chair, secretary, treasurer) at each of our three campuses and require a dedicated team for each. Your involvement and support would be invaluable as we move forward. If you are interested in learning more, please email School Council at council@caaschool.com or your campus administrator.

Drama, technical theatre, visual arts, and media arts students launched their high school showcase series at Vertigo Theatre with an impressive display of their skills. Guests were treated to a stunning visual and media art exhibition in the lobby. This was followed by a moving play that thoughtfully explored how past and present memories interact. The students demonstrated independence, captivating presence, and masterful execution both on and off stage. The enthralled audience experienced a wonderful sense of community throughout the event. Thank you for your guidance and support in our students' pursuit of mastery. We invite you to the second showcase in our high school series, featuring music students, at the Ironwood Grill on Wednesday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Message from Administration continued.

High school students are in their final weeks of classes before the June exam break, with the last day of regular classes on Friday, June 6. An exam break calendar was sent home and can also be found on page 11.



Year 6, 9, and high school students are focusing on mastery in preparation for Provincial Achievement tests and Diploma exams. Please encourage regular review, math practice, and home reading. Many volunteers are needed as readers and scribes for exams; sign-up information with dates and times have been emailed to families or email info@caaschool.com for more information.

At Rosscarrock, our Year 6/7 students presented an engaging and energetic showcase, 'Tune In', Congratulations to all participants!

The Year 4/5 students will share their Arts Immersion learning on May 28 and 29 at the Rosscarrock Campus.

Knob Hill celebrated student learning before spring break with several exciting events. Kindergarten and Year 1 students displayed their original books in the library, inviting other students to explore their work. This wonderful literary event highlighted the students' exploration of immersions in Media and Literary Arts. Year 2/3 students hosted a vibrant sharing assembly and gallery walk to conclude their contract, which was enthusiastically attended by many grown-ups.

We would like to remind adults to be mindful of the items they bring into the school buildings. If you must have sensitive items, such as medication with you, please ensure they are secured on your person at all times. Please be aware that illegal items and controlled substances are not permitted on school premises.

We appreciate our students' achievements and the ongoing support of our school community. Thank you for your partnership in fostering a nurturing learning environment.

Kindergarten/Year 1 News

We wrapped up our exciting "Where the Wild Things Explore" learning contract in April. Through Media Arts, we explored the art of storytelling, learned about story elements, enriched our vocabulary with description language and practiced sequencing. As budding authors and illustrators, we created our own books, which were then proudly displayed in the library for the school community.

To enrich our Science and Social Studies learning, we had two engaging in-school field trips. We explored First Nations legends and games, even creating our own dreamcatchers. In Year 1, we had the opportunity to become scientists, investigating the states of matter: solids, liquids, and gases, through exciting dry ice experiments.



Our final learning contract, "Flower Power!", is now underway. We are exploring primary and secondary colours through watercolour mixing, drawing inspiration from spring puddles and weather systems. As we experiment with colour blending, we are also making connections to Science, learning how plants and animals share essential needs like water, sunlight and air to thrive. Looking ahead, we will dive into the vibrant and imaginative world of artist, Dale Chihuly, using his colourful blown glass sculptures as inspiration to spark our own magical creations.

Year 2/3 News

In Year 2/3, we have been on an incredible learning journey through our "World of Wonder" contract. In Science, we explored Alberta's UNESCO World Heritage Sites and Earth systems by creating artwork, dance, and dramatic performances to represent various landforms and water systems. We used movement to understand the Earth's rotation and revolution around the Sun and created pointillism art to show our homes during day and night, which deepened our understanding of the Sun's impact on Earth. In Social Studies, we investigated India, Tunisia, Peru, and Ukraine by comparing goods and services, imports and exports, and technology. In Year 2 Math,

we focused on patterns and shapes, while in Year 3 we explored multiplication, division, and fractions through a variety of engaging activities. In Literacy, we explored a variety of poems and wrote personal narratives or "true stories" about ourselves using adjectives and descriptive details to bring our experiences to life. Our learning culminated in a vibrant sharing assembly attended by many members of our community. Thank you for joining us on this journey in a "World of Wonder"!



CAA Adult Choir



Do you like to sing? Do you enjoy music, laughter and having fun? Come and join our Calgary Arts Academy Adult Choir! We are a non-auditioned ensemble that sings a wide variety of music.

Visit our website at www.caaschool.com/caa-adult-choir for more information.

Physical Education Update

Over the past few months, students have been exploring a variety of net sports, including tennis, badminton, pickleball, volleyball—and even basketball! We were excited to welcome Ms. Milgate to Knob Hill, a student teacher from the University of Calgary’s education program, who joined Mrs. Hunter in the gym during her practicum. Together, we served, rallied, set, bumped, and spiked our way through fun and engaging stations, games, and activities using different balls, birdies, and racquets.



During our basketball unit, students participated in skill-building games that helped improve dribbling control, partner passing, and shooting techniques. We even learned some basketball “choreography” set to music and tried out a few “fancy basketball” tricks inspired by the Harlem Globetrotters—ask your child to show you their moves!

In wellness, students have been learning how to build a lifetime of optimal health by prioritizing nutrition and healthy eating. We have explored the Canada Food Guide recommendations, discussed the importance of hydration, shared

our favourite foods, and investigated where food comes from. Students also learned how to distinguish between whole and processed foods to make more informed choices when it comes to fuelling their bodies. Stay healthy!

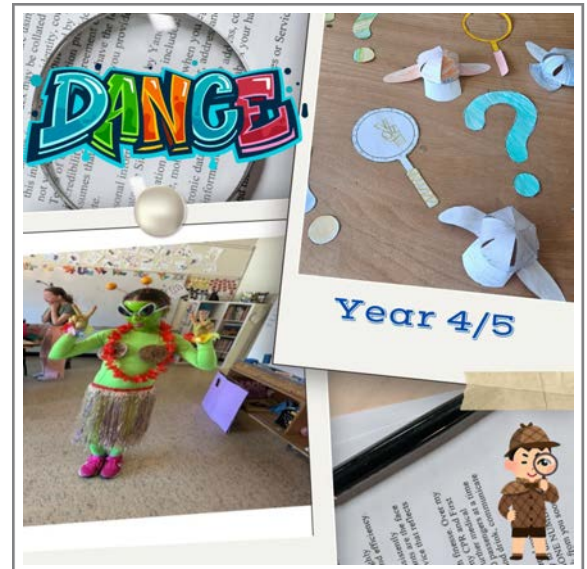
Rosscarrock Options Update

As the final options round commences, students are concluding the year with a burst of creativity and energy. In Music with Mr. Thorson, students are busy preparing for *CAA: Live at the Ironwood*, our afternoon concert taking place on Sunday, June 1! In Drama with Ms. Shannon, students are concentrating on the technical aspects of theatre production. This offers a new perspective as they create set models, design lighting and build soundscapes for a play. Over in Moving Bodies with Mr. E, students are embracing voice and choice through line dances, movement games, and a variety of choreography styles, all while celebrating the joy of movement and well-being. Adding to the excitement, we are delighted to welcome dance artist, Mr. King, who will lead a dynamic dance session to bring the year to a vibrant close.

Year 4/5 News

In Year 4/5 we have wrapped up our thrilling Alien Invasion Learning Contract and are now embarking on an exciting new adventure all about mysteries! In Science, we are becoming budding material scientists, exploring fascinating states and properties of matter. Meanwhile, in Social Studies, we are journeying through the history of Canada and Alberta, uncovering the stories that have shaped our present.

Adding a vibrant beat to our final Learning Contract, we are excited to be working with our new dance artist, Mr. King! He will be guiding us through the energetic world of hip-hop, focusing on creating diverse and expressive movement variations. All this learning will culminate in our highly anticipated Showcase performance at the end of May. Get ready to put on your detective hat as we work together to unravel the mysteries around us. Can we solve them all and thwart the mischievous Captain Curriculum Chaos before it's too late? Join us and find out!



Year 6/7 News



Our recent Learning Contract, "Tune In," culminated in a lively and collaborative showcase that truly brought learning to life! We masterfully connected our Language Arts novel studies and news writing skills with the performing arts, presenting creative dance movements, engaging skits, insightful podcasts, entertaining interviews, catchy commercials, and beautiful singing and music.

Year 6/7 News continued.

In Year 6 Social Studies, we are exploring the diverse Aboriginal, French, and British perspectives on the path to Confederation, while in Year 7 we are connecting our war research to the formation of early Canada. Year 6 Science has us diving into the world of Matter, investigating its types, the particle theory, changes in state due to temperature, and the vital water cycle. In Year 7 Science, we have begun a unit on Heat and Temperature, covering its necessity, historical and industrial applications, and how it affects particle motion, also distinguishing between heat and temperature. Finally, in Mathematics, in Year 6 we wrapped up 2D shape area calculations and have moved on to exploring the area and volume of 3D shapes. In Year 7, we concluded Transformations and have started a unit on Decimals, focusing on the relationship between fractions and decimals, ordering and comparing them, and practising addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division by powers of ten.

Year 8/9 News



April was a month full of creativity, exploration and connection, both within and beyond the classroom walls. A highlight was the opportunity to work with Calgary's own Wakefield Brewster, a celebrated spoken word poet. He guided us through the powerful world of poetry and self-expression, igniting thoughtful discussions and empowering us to discover our unique voices through rhythm, language and emotion. We are looking forward to him coming to our classroom for a follow up seminar of poetic exploration.

Year 8/9 News continued.

We have been busy completing our multimedia fabric art projects. With Ms. Christy's guidance, we explored storytelling through textiles, blending artistic techniques with personal and cultural expression. The finished pieces are visually striking and deeply meaningful, showcasing our diverse talents, beliefs, and emotional connections.

In Year 9, we had an exciting opportunity to attend a High School Summit in partnership with Connect Charter School. This provided us with a first-hand look at what we can expect as we transition to high school. Through interactive sessions and informative presentations, we gained valuable insights into the expectations, opportunities and changes that come with this next step. We are also busy preparing for the Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) starting at the end of May.

In Year 8, we had the opportunity to attend a matinee performance of the High School showcase play, "Leaving Iowa" at Vertigo Theatre. We were proud to support our high school peers, experience professional level theatre and further deepen our appreciation for the performing arts.

As we look ahead to the final months of school, our energy is filled with growth, reflection and anticipation. Through art, performance and academic inquiry, we continue to demonstrate curiosity, resilience and a strong sense of community.



June 4

9:30 a.m. Year 12 Graduation Ceremony at Martha Cohen Theatre

1:30 p.m. Year 9 Graduation Ceremony at Martha Cohen Theatre

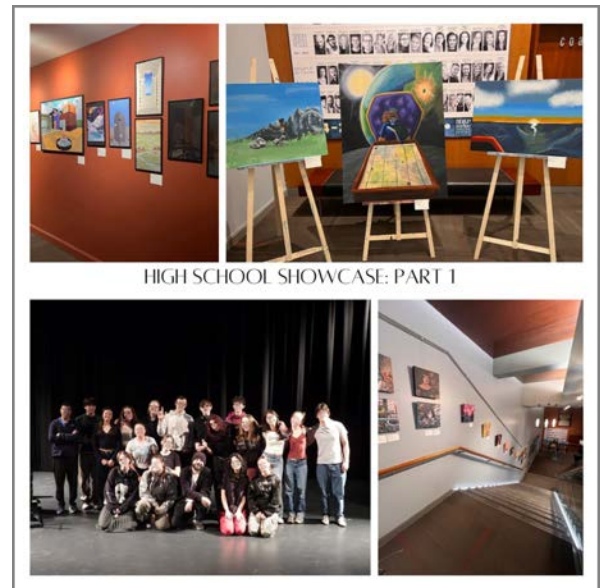
6:30 p.m. Year 12 Graduation Banquet at The Ranchmen's Club.

June 5

5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Year 9 Graduation Celebration *(*for CAA students and staff only)*

High School News

This month, our school community came together in a powerful display of artistry, collaboration, and storytelling as we proudly presented our high school showcase production of *Leaving Iowa* at Vertigo Theatre. This heartwarming and humorous play—rehearsed and developed since November—invited us to explore the way memory, nostalgia, and time shape our relationships with the past. Through exaggerated yet real characters, we were challenged to step into roles that demanded both emotional nuance and comedic timing, reminding us of the bittersweet beauty of remembering those we have loved and lost.



Audiences were also treated to a unique visual arts experience with the Vertigo Theatre lobby transformed into a vibrant gallery space. In Art 10, we showcased *Altered Authentics*—a playful and thought-provoking exhibit consisting of forged iconic artworks with a twist. The Art 20/30 showcase *CTRL ALT DELETE* examined questions of control, perception, and altered realities in a bold and imaginative collection of work. In Media Arts, we added a contemporary lens with our digital exhibition *THIS*, prompting viewers to question how technology influences the way we create, consume, and connect with images and meaning.

In Social Studies 10, we engaged in an inquiry-based project exploring Truth and Reconciliation in Canada. Choosing from three different Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, we researched the significance each from a different thematic section, such as Education, Justice, or Commemoration. After researching and interpreting the significance of each Call, we selected an Indigenous way of knowing to guide how we would demonstrate our understanding. Whether through storytelling, visual art, land-based learning, or community connections, we crafted thoughtful, creative representations that highlight both the historical roots and present-day relevance of reconciliation in our country. This project encouraged not only academic research but also empathy, critical thinking, and a deeper connection to Indigenous knowledge systems.

High School News Continued.

At the end of the month, our entire school community attended a powerful and thought-provoking performance of Awoowakii at Theatre Calgary. Written by local playwright Sable Sweetgrass of the Kainai Nation, Awoowakii—which means “crossing over” in Blackfoot—tells the story of Chrissy Sipatsimo, a transgender Blackfoot woman navigating identity, family, and reconciliation. Blending humour with raw honesty, the immersive performance invited students into Chrissy’s living room, creating space for both laughter and meaningful reflection. Through compelling storytelling and rich cultural context, the play sparked important conversations around gender, Indigenous identity, intergenerational trauma, and the power of acceptance.



As we look ahead to the final stretch of the school year, we carry with us the lessons learned from this month—about memory, teamwork, resilience, and the power of creative expression.

High School

Exam Schedule June 2025

Monday, June 2	Tuesday, June 3	Wednesday, June 4	Thursday, June 5	Friday, June 6
Regular Classes	Regular Classes	Year 12 Grad Ceremony Year 10 & 11 Tutorial 1pm - 4pm Grad Banquet!	Regular Classes	Last day of regular classes!
Monday, June 9	Tuesday, June 10	Wednesday, June 11	Thursday, June 12	Friday, June 13
Exam break begins PE 10/20 Mandatory Field Trip! 9am - 4pm	Math 30-3 ELA 30 -1/-2 Final Exams 10am - 2pm	Optional drama/tech theatre field trip to <i>Legally Blonde</i> 10am - 3pm Evening Art Show!	Social Studies 30 -1/-2 Diploma Exam Part A 9am-2pm	Social Studies 10 -1/-2 Math 20-1 Final Exams 10am - 2pm
Monday, June 16	Tuesday, June 17	Wednesday, June 18	Thursday, June 19	Friday, June 20
PE 10/20 Mandatory Field Trip! 9am - 4pm	Math 30-2 Diploma Exam 9am - 3pm	Science 10 Biology 20 & Physics 20 Final Exams 10am - 2pm	Social Studies 30 -1/-2 Diploma Exam Part B 9am-2pm Last	Last day to submit course work
Monday, June 23	Tuesday, June 24	Wednesday, June 25	Thursday, June 26	Friday, June 27
Chemistry 30 Diploma Exam 9am-3pm	High School Appeals Day		Last day of school! Mandatory homeroom 9:30am - 11:30am Report cards & yearbooks distributed Community Lunch Celebration 11:30 - 12:30pm	

**We are looking for scribes/readers during exams.
If you can help email ntoone@caaschool.com**



Links

[Calendar](#)

[Family Zone](#)

[Record Your Volunteer Hours](#)

[CAA Foundation Website](#)

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May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Day 3 EC Field Trip to Theatre Calgary	2 Day 4	3
4 Day 5	5 Day 1 Year 6 vaccinations	6 Day 2 Healthy Hunger KH & RC EC Field Trip to DJD HS Music Showcase	7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9	10
11 Day 5	12 Day 1 RC Boys Soccer Tournament	13 Day 2 Healthy Hunger KH & RC	14 Day 3 RC Girls Soccer Tournament	15 PD Day - No Classes	16	17
18 Victoria Day - No Classes	19 Day 4	20 Day 5 Healthy Hunger KH & RC	21 Day 1	22 Day 2 Year 8/9 Sharing Assembly	23	24
25 Day 3 Year 2/3 to EC and Enmax Park	26 Day 4 Year 2/3 to EC and Enmax Park	27 Day 5 Healthy Hunger KH & RC Year 4/5 Showcase CAAA Track & Field Year 6 ELAL Part A PAT	28 Day 1 Year 4/5 Showcase Year 9 ELA Part A	29 Day 2 Year 12 Grad Rehearsal Colours of Spring Carnival at RC	30	31