



Message from Administration

We have enjoyed a wonderful fall season so far, and have been taking every advantage to get outside and embrace the warm weather! As the weather grows colder and we see more wintry conditions, we ask families to remember that students will be outside every day for active play, sometimes a few times a day, unless the thermometer dips below -20 C with the wind chill. We ask that students are prepared for the weather and that they are sent with warm clothing and suitable footwear. Thank you for helping us keep kids active and acclimatized to the weather in our Alberta winters.

This November, all students in K to 12 will be heading out to the Connect Charter School Field Experience Centre in Kananaskis for outdoor education, wellness, and arts-based learning experiences. Students in K to 3 will attend day trips at the camp, while students in Years 4 to 12 will attend two-day overnight trips. We look forward to sharing highlights and photos from these trips in next month's newsletter! We do ask all parents/guardians to help support your child in this initiative.

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This is a part of our program, and an important opportunity for our students to take a safe risk, expand their skill set, practice independence, experience something new, and strengthen connections with each other through Jubilee rehearsal, camp meals, campfire songs, and nighttime hikes (just to name a few!). It is such an amazing experience and we are grateful to our parent community for volunteering and their help with packing to make this an enjoyable excursion.

Students returned from the October break ready to wrap up their first learning contract, and begin planning their second. This second learning contract will culminate in Arts Immersion performances on the Jubilee stage. Throughout October, all K to 12 students have been brainstorming and developing creative ways to translate their curricular learning into engaging pieces to share with you in December! This year's school and Jubilee theme is *Create to Connect*.

We look forward to celebrating student learning together on stage.



Attendance is expected for all students, as this special event is truly a reflection of our CAA program and mandate. The performance is during the evening on December 5, 2025. Please watch your email for performance and ticket information!

We had such fun celebrating Halloween at all three campuses. At the Erickson Centre, the high school student council planned a Halloween Dance for all Year 10 to 12 students. At the Rosscarrock Campus, the student council also planned and hosted a highly successful and well attended Halloween Dance after school on October 30. At Knob Hill, we are grateful to our CAA School Council for hosting their family Halloween Dance.

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Families who attended the Knob Hill dance enjoyed dancing, snacks, photo booths, fortune telling, crafts, spooky stories, and a pumpkin silent auction. At Rosscarrock, students danced, admired decorations, got their photos taken at the photo booth (thanks to School Council!), and enjoyed treats from the concession (thank you for your donations). An extra special treat this year was the student DJ at the middle school dance who provided a strong list of songs that invited dancing, and that was specially curated for this school event. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped set-up, supervise, and join in with the dancing. We appreciate you making these popular and fun school events such a success.

November's Developmental Asset category of the month is Boundaries and Expectations which is another external support. Please check your email for ideas on how you can carry on the conversation at home and provide opportunities to strengthen these assets with your child(ren). Through this lens, we are able to focus on external structures, relationships, and activities that create a positive environment. Young people need clear expectations, consistent consequences, and encouragement to do their best.



We feel so proud of the work our teachers and students are preparing to show their respect and generosity around Remembrance Day observances. Each campus will have a Remembrance Day assembly in order to mark this important day with reflection and art. We also will be gathering non-perishable food items for the Veterans' Food Bank and appreciate the generous contributions our community makes to this initiative.

Message from Administration Continued.

Thank you to those parents who have stepped up to help support CAA with our transition to establishing three campus specific School Councils. There have been committed parents in the background working hard to get this new structure up and running, and their patience, flexibility and support as we move through this unknown stage has been appreciated! Introducing new councils takes time, and with collaboration and communication, we are getting closer to engaging all parents more actively through each campus council. Keep watching for new opportunities to share your perspective and positively contribute to our amazing community.

We look forward to connecting with each of you at our upcoming November Parent-Teacher conferences. Academic and social-emotional feedback will be shared with families during this time, along with assessment from the first learning contract. Also, be sure to visit the Scholastic Book Fair at the Rosscarrock Campus, where all CAA families are welcome to attend!

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Juleta Severson-Baker (*Assistant Principal, Rosscarrock*)

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Applications for siblings entering Kindergarten to Year 12 are now being accepted for the 2026-2027 school year. To receive sibling priority on the wait list, please submit an application package by **November 30, 2025**.

The application form and other requirements can be found on the school's website under "Admissions".

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Braun, Registrar, at admissions@caaschool.com.

Kindergarten/Year 1 News

As we wrapped up our first Learning Contract, *Welcome to the Magic*, we thank Ms. Naomi for guiding us with her talent and expertise in Media Arts. We created our own unique mosaic art in 2D and 3D shapes, which were inspired by Sonia King. Through STEAM explorations, we asked questions, tested ideas, made discoveries about science and computer science. We also learned the importance of being a kind leader, and celebrated our diversity and community.

In Year 1, we were excited to take the CAA School Bus, "Gus the Bus" with Mr. Al on our weekly arts-filled learning at TransAlta Studio.



We were even treated to an impromptu music concert by the high school students and Mr. Doug! We are looking forward to our field trip at Camp Connect in Kananaskis to connect arts and nature learning.

As we start our new Learning Contract, *Dream Big*, with Ms. Shannon, we cannot wait to show everyone an out-of-this world experience at the Jubilee Showcase on December 5!

Year 2/3 News

We started the month preparing for our exciting showcase, *Cabinet of Creepiosities*, where our monsters and scientists took to the stage! Through this performance, we explored a wide range of subjects through an Arts Immersion lens. In Math, we used 2D shapes to design and build monster lairs, and even created patterned monster feet. In Science, we became young investigators, performing experiments live on stage and learning about how scientists ask questions and explore ideas.

Year 2/3 News Continued

In Social Studies, our theme of fact versus opinion tied beautifully into our story. At first, the monsters and scientists did not get along, but after an epic dance battle, they learned to appreciate each other's unique "moves" and decided to collaborate. In Literacy, we practiced storytelling and script work, helping bring our characters to life. Our Showcase featured dancing, singing, and acting, and we even recorded our own Problem Solving Model song!

We had the pleasure of learning about Diwali with Ms. Ashima. She shared a beautiful story about the festival, and we took part in hands-on activities, including painting diyas, creating rangoli-inspired art, and exploring traditional Indian clothing. It was a wonderful way to celebrate culture and community.



We also had some fantastic parent volunteers join us this month. Macie's mom shared her knowledge about Orange Shirt Day, which helped us deepen our understanding of inclusion and reconciliation. Ben's dad, an animator, joined Miss Sona's class to teach a fun and creative lesson on 2D shapes. He showed us how to draw a dinosaur using basic shapes, and we then designed our own creations, combining art and math in such an engaging way!

To wrap up our month, we joined in the fun of our Halloween Parade, showing off our amazing costumes and celebrating together as a school community.



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.

Choir practices will continue to be held Wednesday evenings at the **CAA Rosscarrock Campus**.

(1406 - 40 Street SW)

<https://www.caaschool.com/caa-adult-choir>

Year 4/5 News

We have wrapped up our first Learning Contract, and are excited to begin our *Connections* Learning Contract. This contract is built on the fascinating idea that everything is connected from planets and shapes to artistry, stories and beyond. Together, we will deeply explore how connection weaves through every part of our learning and lives.

In Science, we will study constellations and their patterns in the night sky. In Social Studies, we will uncover Canada's identity through cultural contributions. Literacy will give us the chance to grow our paragraph writing skills, while continuing to build phonemic awareness. Math will bring geometry and art together as we explore shapes in creative and imaginative ways.

We are looking forward to our overnight camp trip at Camp Connect in November. We will experience immersive, hand-on learning outside of the classroom and continue building our social and emotional connections. Another highlight ahead is preparing for our Jubilee showcase, where we will demonstrate our learning on stage in a celebration of connects, imagination and identity. We are excited to continue growing, creating and sharing our artistic energy and adventurous spirit with you!



Year 6/7 News

As we wrapped up our first Learning Contract, *The Fabric of Us!* we deepened our understanding of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and explored the Treaty of Grand Paix de Montréal. These lessons inspired our creative “Masks of Peace” project, where we incorporated symbols that represent peace, unity, and understanding.

In Science, we recently completed our investigation into ecosystems and climate, which gave us the chance to showcase curiosity and critical thinking as we explored the interconnectedness of our world. With that inquiry complete, we are now turning our attention to the scientific method, learning how scientists ask questions and seek answers.

Alongside these studies, we have continued to work on our Identity Quilt pieces with Ms. Christy. We selected fabrics and designs that reflect our individuality and personal stories. We cannot wait to see all of these unique panels come together to form one beautiful, collaborative quilt that celebrates our diverse community.



We are looking forward to our second Learning Contract *Sometimes You Get Supplies and Sometimes You Get a Curse*. We will be exploring chance and probability through real-world examples, storytelling, and movement performances on the Jubilee Auditorium Stage. We will design, question and write reflections that foster inter-generational connection, while helping us see how chance shapes our own stories.

Here's to more curiosity, collaboration, and creativity ahead as we begin this next contract together!

Year 8/9 News

We have explored cultural representations of monsters across time, place, and genre. Through literature, science, history, and contemporary issues, we investigated literal monsters - from mythological beasts to scientific oddities - as well as metaphorical monsters such as pollution and technology. We analyzed how different cultures and contexts define monstrosity and how these depictions of monsters reveal truths about our deepest fears and uncertainties. As we formed our own personal ideas of "monster", we deepened our understanding through movement and visual art.



We were honoured to welcome Wakefield Brewster, Calgary's 6th Poet Laureate (2022-2024) and renowned spoken-word artist for a week-long residency to support our poetry development. We explored personified and metaphorical monsters while creating our anthology of original poems to answer the question "What Is a Monster"?



Year 6 to 9 Art Options

Visual Arts with Ms. Christy

Students are working toward completing all of their beautiful collaborative art projects, and the creativity and dedication from our students have been outstanding! From the vibrant fence art installations to the expressive lino-cut teacher portraits, each piece showcases incredible skill and imagination. The murals that are beginning to appear around the school are truly transforming our spaces and reflecting the spirit of our community. Students worked diligently to design and present professional art submissions earlier this term, and it has been inspiring to see those ideas come to life in such powerful and meaningful ways.

Modern/Contemporary Dance with Ms. Jen

After practicing fall and recovery techniques, many students are now confidently practicing safe falls from standing, without the mats! October brought a deep dive into improvisation, where students stepped out of their comfort zones to explore movement in new ways. They are channeling those discoveries into collaborative choreography, ready to share their creations in the final class this term.



Creative Writing with Ms. Deabler

In Creative Writing, Year 8/9 students are channeling everything they have learned this term into their final projects. After weeks of experimenting with voice, style, and storytelling techniques, they are now diving into longer pieces that showcase their creativity and growth as writers.

Year 6 to 9 Art Options Continued

Music with Mr. Thorson

Students in music continue to build skills and confidence on their instruments as they collaborate to learn songs they chose to work on with Mr. Thorson. With Jubilee season coming up quickly, we will also be practicing our singing skills as we lead the charge on learning our Opener and Closer songs for the big show!

Printmaking with Ms. Haidl

The Year 6/7 Printmakers are ending the session by creating unique LEGO prints that celebrate their personal identities. It has been wonderful to see how each student has used this medium to express themselves in such a fun and thoughtful way!

CAA Pumas



We are proud to celebrate the incredible accomplishments of our junior high and high school volleyball teams this season! Their dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship have been inspiring.

Basketball is the next extracurricular sport beginning in November. This marks a special milestone as it will be the very first basketball season for our high school students, reflecting our commitment to expanding athletic opportunities and strengthening school spirit.

Go Pumas!

High School News

English Language Arts 10 classes, along with Drama 20/30 students, attended a performance of *Romeo and Juliet* at The West Village Theatre, presented by Calgary Young People's Theatre. This unique production demonstrated how a classic work can be reimagined in fresh and timely ways, while inspiring students to see themselves as potential participants in theatrical productions.

Social Studies 20 students visited The Military Museums as part of their study of Canada and to further deepen their understanding of the First World War. Their visit included interactive workshops exploring Canada's role in shaping and being shaped by the conflict. The Rewrite History Board Game Workshop, challenged students to apply their understanding of nationalism and decision-making by reimagining historical outcomes. Students also explored the museum galleries, further connecting their learning to real-world contexts and preparing them for our upcoming Remembrance Day assembly.

High School students had a week-long residency with Wakefield Brewster, through his program Writing Change Into the World. He delivered high impact workshops across English Language Arts, Social Studies and Drama, guiding spoken word performance skills, introducing poetry to emerging writers, supporting the creation of Remembrance Day poetry, helping students interpret human rights and economic systems through creative expression, and strengthening vocal technique and monologue work. His presence ignited student voices, curiosity and courage, and we are immensely grateful for the enrichment and learning made possible through these partnerships.



Our Student Council hosted an incredible Halloween Dance where the costumes, music, and energy were unforgettable, and we are so grateful to our council members for planning such a fantastic event. Students in Visual Art displayed their imaginative Weird Head projects and music students performed live for the student body.

Calendar and Links



November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Day 1 Yr 11/2 Camp Connect	4 Day 2 Yr 10 Camp Connect RC Volleyball Finals	5 Day 3 Healthy Hunger	6 Day 4 Yr 1 Camp Connect RC Remembrance Day Assembly P/T Conferences PM	7 Parent/Teacher Conferences No Classes	8
9	10 Remembrance Day (lieu) No Classes	11 PD Day No Classes	12 Day 5 Healthy Hunger Yr 4/5 Camp Connect KH & EC Remembrance Day Assembly	13 Day 1 Yr 4/5 Camp Connect	14 Day 2 Yr 2/3 Camp Connect	15
16	17 Day 3 Yr 6/7 Camp Connect	18 Day 4 Yr 6/7 Camp Connect CAAS AGM 7:30 p.m.	19 Day 5 Healthy Hunger Yr 8/9 Camp Connect	20 Day 1 Yr 8/9 Camp Connect	21 Day 2 All Kindy Camp Connect	22
23/30	24 Day 3 High School Tour 6:00 p.m.	25 Day 4	26 Day 5 Healthy Hunger	27 Day 1 HS Basketball Game	28 Day 2	29

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CAA Foundation

CAA Adult Choir



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