

The Art of Learning

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Message from Administration

The 2025-2026 school year is coming quickly to an end. It has been an honour to witness all of our students grow socially, artistically, and academically through connections and creativity this year. Students have grown as learners as they persevered through creative challenges, deepened their own self-awareness, and participated in meaningful Arts Immersion learning contracts.

Congratulations to our Year 9 and 12 class of 2026! May you continue to create, connect and become.



CAA School Councils and Society Update

Please save the date for our annual community Pancake Breakfast. We will need many volunteers for this exciting community event for all Kindergarten to Year 12 students and their families.

Friday, September 4, 2026

Knob Hill Elementary School
Campus

2036 - 20 Avenue SW

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

[Click here](#) to view volunteer positions and sign up.



Message from Administration continued.

On June 3, we celebrated our Year 9 students with a beautiful graduation with a ceremony at the Martha Cohen Theatre, followed by a social evening on June 4 at Madi's Restaurant and a performance by the "Mortal Improv" theatre group. Our graduates truly embodied this year's theme, "Create to Connect". They started the year off with a collaborative film mockumentary about the life of a pancake, and finished things off by cheering one another on as each student crossed the stage to receive their graduation certificate. Many Year 9s will continue their journey at CAA's high school, while others will explore new learning communities. All of them leave with our pride and confidence in their bright futures!

Throughout June, all our learning teams are completing their final learning contracts and enjoying a variety of meaningful year end experiences. Some highlights from Rosscarrock include visits from guest arts such as Jairus Sharif in Year 6/7, field trips to Telus Spark and local seniors' homes, an inter-school track and field meet, performances on the Ironwood stage, 26 spirited school wide dress up days and even watching our office caterpillars transform into butterflies. It has been a remarkable month of creativity, curiosity and connection.

We look forward a morning of sports and activities on the Rosscarrock Field on June 25 and at the Knob Hill Campus on June 29 for our annual SpArts Days.

Year 2/3 students enjoyed field trips to the Erickson Centre to explore new landscape photography settings for their current contract. Year 1 has been home to some adorable new community members! Hatching happily in Ms. Tessa's class, the campus welcomed three new goslings: Brightbill, Ryan Gosling and Ms. Tessa Jr.

Message from Administration continued.

In May and June, our Year 6, 9 and high school students have focused on mastery as they work towards high academic achievement in their classes and prepare for Provincial Achievement tests and Diploma exams. We encourage students to review their course material at home, continue with regular math practice and home reading, and tackle these exams with focus and determination. We wish them the best as they mindfully prepare and review.

To ensure all CAA-issued student devices are properly maintained, upgraded, and prepared for the next academic year, students must return their devices for summer servicing. The return dates are below:

Erickson Centre Campus: June 19, 2026

Rosscarrock Campus: June 19, 2026 (Year 4 to 8) and June 23, 2026 (Year 9 students)

Should there be any school technology at home, please return to the school by the above dates.



On May 24, our auditioned CAA music students, along with a spirited teacher band, lit up the Ironwood stage with an unforgettable afternoon of music.

This annual event is a highlight for Year 4 to 12 students and its popularity was evident once again as the Ironwood filled with families, friends and supporters.

The high-energy afternoon celebrated both the incredible skill of our students, and also a beautiful spirit of community pride.

Message from Administration continued.

We want to send a heartfelt thank you to our incredible School Councils and parent volunteers for hosting the Colours of Spring event on May 29 at the Rosscarrock campus.

The day was a wonderful success, helped along by beautiful weather and the many parents and volunteers who stepped up to make everything run so smoothly. The handmade artisan market, engaging activities, Adult Choir performance, lively DJ music, and food trucks all came together to celebrate our creative and connected community. Stay tuned for future events and volunteer opportunities for the 2026/2027 school year through our School Councils weekly updates. The first event of the year they are busy planning and preparing for is our welcome back Pancake Breakfast on September 4, 2026.

We are always grateful for the support of our school community and the end of a year makes us reflect on how lucky we are to have such supportive parents. Thank you for your continued partnership in ensuring that real connections grow when we create together!

We wish you a safe, fun and restful summer break, and look forward to seeing so many of you back for a year of "Artful Joy" in 2026/2027!

School offices will open on August 17, 2026 and the first day of school for all Year 1 to 12 students is Friday, August 21, 2026.

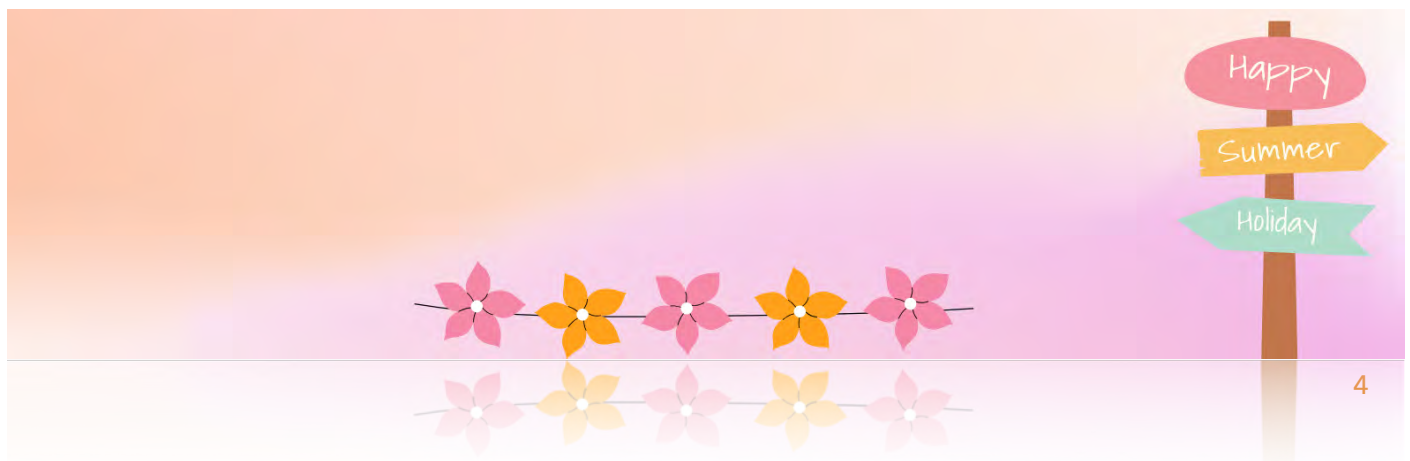
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Kindergarten/Year 1 News

This month, in Kindergarten and Year 1, we celebrated our learning with a vibrant showcase titled "Our Beautiful Earth." Through music, storytelling, puppetry, and expressive movement, we transformed into robins, bees, and worms as we explored a different life cycles. We even brought *A Grand Old Tree* by Mary Newell DePalma to life on stage and wrote our own original lyrics for a song about the seasons.

Beyond our performances, we learned so much by observing living things up close. We cared for baby geese, watched butterflies emerge and discovered how worms help nourish the soil during our in-school Green Calgary program "Worms Love Leftovers". We have also been busy planting flowers and beans, with plans to continue our gardening in our outdoor space very soon.

In K/1 Drama, we combined computer science with movement, by taking on the roles of programmers and robots. By giving and following clear instructions, sequencing steps, and encouraging one another, we learned how these skills help us create strong scenes on stage.

In Year 1 Music, we began learning the ukulele. Each of us received an instrument and have been developing foundational skills such as proper care, basic chords, and introductory strumming patterns.



We will finish the unit by playing along to songs by Bruno Mars and The White Stripes, marking an exciting milestone in our musical journey.

Year 2/3 News

May was a busy and exciting month in Year 2/3! We enjoyed a wonderful trip to Granary Road and loved spending time with Ms. Tessa’s baby geese.

In Year 3, we enjoyed spending time with our Kindergarten buddies as they prepared for the Rose Ceremony, creating many special memories together. At the ceremony, the Kindergarten students shared kind words, advice, and well wishes with us, which is a cherished annual tradition that supports us as we get ready for our next adventures in Middle School.



In the classroom, we began exploring dinosaurs and used our creativity to build our own dinosaur sculptures. We also witnessed one of nature’s most remarkable transformations as our caterpillars became chrysalises and later emerged as butterflies. Releasing them was a joyful and memorable moment for everyone.

June brought some of our favourite events of the year, including welcoming special adults to our picnic and enjoying the Year 3 Talent Show. Both celebrations offered meaningful opportunities to come together as a classroom community, sharing time, connection, and joy. It was especially heartwarming to watch our Year 3 students confidently showcase their talents and cheer one another on.

We are looking forward to SpArts Day, enjoying the final weeks of school, and making the most of our time together before summer begins.

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.

Year 4/5 News

What an amazing year it has been in Year 4/5! We have had so many incredible learning opportunities and we are proud of how much we have grown as learners, thinkers, creators and collaborators.

Throughout the year, we completed three Learning Contracts and are now sailing through our final one. One of our favourite projects was our combined literacy and science study, where we researched unique Alberta plants and turned our findings into informative written pieces. We even showcased our learning by designing artistic record covers and records inspired by our research. As part of the scientific methods unit, we strengthened our observation skills by monitoring plants in four different classrooms with varying light conditions.

In Social Studies, we continued exploring the histories and stories of diverse immigrant groups and examined how their experiences and ways of life helped shape Canada. In Mathematics, we created survey questions, collected and analyzed data, and represented our findings using pictographs and bar graphs. We also deepened our understanding of fractions through a variety of hands-on learning experiences.

Our Arts Immersion approach helped us connect mathematics and creativity in meaningful ways. We designed our own paper money, which we will use to exchange goods as part of a fur trade connected to projects with visual artist, Ms. Christy.

Soon, we will be participating in trading activities in our classroom trading posts, and applying our understanding of money, value, and economic systems in a fun and engaging way.

We are also looking forward to our upcoming Telus Spark field trips, where we will get to explore plants in a hands-on environment.

It has been wonderful year of curiosity, connection, and creativity. We are proud of all the hard work, we have put into our learning, and we are excited for everything ahead!



Year 6/7 News

June has been a busy and rewarding month for us in Year 6/7. We worked hard to prepare for our six Provincial Achievement Tests in Math, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies, and we are proud of the perseverance and positive attitudes we showed throughout. Finishing the PATs felt like a big accomplishment, and it reminded us how much we have grown this year.



As we move into the final weeks of school, we have been wrapping up our learning, reflecting on our progress, and enjoying time with our friends. Signing yearbooks, taking home our artwork, and helping pack up the classroom have given us a chance to look back on the memories we have made.

We are also excited for two special year-end events. SpArts Day will bring a full morning of arts inspired sports and creative challenges, and our Year End Talent Show will give us the chance to share our unique skills and cheer each other on. These celebrations feel like a wonderful way to end a meaningful and memorable school year.



PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TEST (PAT) DATES		
YEAR 6		YEAR 9
May 22		May 21
Year 6 - ELA Part A Writing		Year 9 - ELA Part A Writing
June 4		June 9
Year 6 - ELA Part B Reading		Year 9 - ELA Part B Reading
June 11		June 16
Year 6 - Social Studies		Year 9 - Math Part A
June 12		June 19
Year 6 - Science		Year 9 - Math Part B
June 15		June 22
Year 6 - Math Part A		Year 9 - Social Studies
June 18		June 23
Year 6 - Math Part B		Year 9 - Science

Year 8/9 News

This month has been full of energy and hands-on learning and we are excited to share what we have been up to! In Physical Education, we had the chance to try fencing with a guest instructor, learning footwork, strategy, and sportsmanship while challenging both our bodies and minds.

In Year 8 Science, we designed and built hydraulic arms to apply our understanding of fluid systems, and we wrapped up our light and optics unit with a laser tag experience that helped us explore how light behaves in a fun and memorable way.

Our Year 8 math classes blended creativity and precision through a leather working project, where we used measurement and planning skills to craft personalized pieces.



One of our biggest highlights was completing the Intergenerational Learning Project with Clover Living. After interviewing and connecting with our partnered seniors, we presented our essays and artwork to them in a meaningful celebration of storytelling, empathy and community.

In Music, we completed our six-week Kingdoms Anthem Project and composed original anthems that reflect the identify and values of our fictional kingdoms. We would love to share them with you at home.

Humanities has been just as engaging! In Year 8 Humanities, we explored Romeo and Juliet, while in Year 9 we examined how media influences audiences and shapes the world around us.

Year 8/9 News Continued.

In Year 8, we will soon visit the Knob Hill campus to spend time with our elementary buddies, which is an opportunity we always look forward to! We also wrapped up another successful year of the Fish in Schools (Fins) program by releasing our trout at Bow Habitat Station, deepening our understanding of ecosystems and conservation.

In Year 9, walking across the stage at the Martha Cohen Theatre was a moment of accomplishment and celebration. We were delighted and a little surprised to discover our teachers’ hidden talent as they took the stage to sing a special song just for us. We are proud of everything we have achieved and are excited for what’s ahead as we move into high school.

High School News

In high school, students have been busy showcasing their talents, celebrating milestones and building community as we approach the end of the school year.

In Foods 10, students put their culinary skills to the test by hosting a fantastic bake sale. Staff and students thoroughly enjoyed a wide variety of delicious treats, making the event a wonderful celebration of their hard work this term.

To commemorate the final day of homeroom and Learning Strategies, Year 10 students enjoyed an 80s-themed celebration, complete with snacks, interactive games, and a photo booth. The afternoon offered space for reflection, connection and plenty of fun!



High School News Continued.

Our Year 12 graduates marked their milestone with an unforgettable day, featuring a beautiful ceremony, followed by an exciting banquet at The Ranchmen’s Club. It was a meaningful opportunity for students, parents, faculty, and community members to come together in recognition of their achievements and toast to the bright futures ahead.

As we move ahead toward the end of June, students are now channeling their focus and preparing diligently for their upcoming final exams.

CAA | ERICKSON CENTRE | JUNE 2026 EXAM SCHEDULE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Y12 Graduation ● Y10 & Y11 Tutorial 1-4pm 			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ELA 30 Diploma Part A 9am - 3pm ● Y10 & Y11 Regular Classes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Y12 Art show at Contemporary Calgary June 11-22 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Last Day of Semester 2 Regular Classes 	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● First day of Exam Break ● ELA 30 Diploma Part B 9am - 3pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ELA 20-1 & 20-2 exam 9am-11am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Social Studies 10-1 & 10-2 exam 9am-11am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Biology 30 Diploma 9am - 3pm ● Biology 20 & Physics 20 exam 9am - 11am ● Science 24 exam 10am - 11am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Math 10-3 & Math 10C exam 10am - 2pm ● Last Day To Submit Course Work & Deadline To Return Technology 	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Physics 30 Diploma 9am - 3pm 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Last day of Exam Break 	
28	29	30				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Last day of school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● High School Appeals Day 				

CAA General Information


- Year 10 Final Exam
- Year 11 Final Exam
- Year 12 Diploma Exam

Exam Break

- June 15th, 2026 – June 26th, 2026
- No Regular Classes
- Teachers may be available for tutorials and one-on-one support.
- School is open Monday – Friday 8:20am-3:55pm.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail your child’s teacher.

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Pathways: Calgary Arts Academy Graduate Art Exhibition



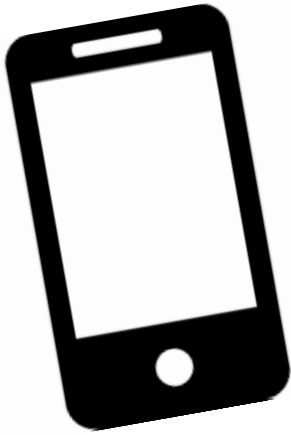
Pathways is a compelling graduate exhibition that showcases the creative journeys of Calgary Arts Academy's senior visual art students. This collection of work reflects the diverse experiences, growth, and artistic voices developed throughout their high school years, while looking ahead to the many paths they will continue to explore.

Pathways is both a celebration and a reflection: a collective body of work that reveals the many directions these artists have taken, and the multitude of directions still unfolding before them.

The theme of *Pathways* invites viewers into a deeply personal and metaphorical exploration of experience. Each piece represents not only artistic development, but also the emotional, intellectual, and creative paths these artists have navigated throughout their time in high school. Some pathways twist and diverge, shaped by uncertainty or challenge; others move forward with clarity and intention. Together, they form a powerful visual narrative, one that speaks to resilience, curiosity, identity, and transformation.

We would like to offer a special thank you to Contemporary Calgary for their partnership and for providing access to this professional exhibition space. To present their work in such a dynamic and inspiring venue is an extraordinary opportunity for these young artists as they begin to envision themselves within the broader artistic community.

Links and Calendar



[Calendar](#)

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[CAA Adult Choir](#)



June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Day 1 HS Fashion Studies Field Trip	2 Day 2 Allen In-Line at RC all week	3 Day 3 Healthy Hunger Yr 9 & 12 Grad Ceremony Yr 12 Grad Banquet	4 Day 4 Yr 9 Grad Celebration	5 Day 5 Yr 3 Talent Show KH Special Adult Day	6
7	8 Day 1	9 Day 2	10 Day 3 Healthy Hunger	11 Day 4	12 Day 5 Year 4/5 Telus Spark KH Rose Ceremony	13
14	15 Day 1 HS Exam Break Begins	16 Day 2 Year 4/5 Telus Spark	17 Day 3 Healthy Hunger Year 4/5 Telus Spark	18 Day 4 Year 4/5 Telus Spark	19 Day 5 K/1 Granary Road	20
21	22 Day 1 Year 8s to KH	23 Day 2 PE 20/30 Field Trip	24 Day 3 Healthy Hunger	25 Day 4 SpArts Day at RC	26 Day 5 RC Talent Show	27
28	Day 1 Term 2 Report Card Day SpArts Day at KH	30 PD Day Appeals Day No Classes	1 Summer Holidays Begin	2	3	4