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Message from Administration

As we move into the final stretch of the school year, we want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible momentum across our school community, Kindergarten through Year 12. From international travel and professional-level performances to gallery exhibitions and rigorous classroom Arts Immersion, our students continue to embody the creativity, curiosity, and commitment that define CAA. This month has been a powerful reminder of what is possible when students are challenged, supported, and inspired.





Colours of Spring

Join us as we celebrate the close of another wonderful school year with our entire CAA community.

At the heart of it all is our Community & Student Craft Market - featuring beautiful, one-of-a-kind handmade creations from our talented students and community.

Rosscarrock Campus

May 29, 2026

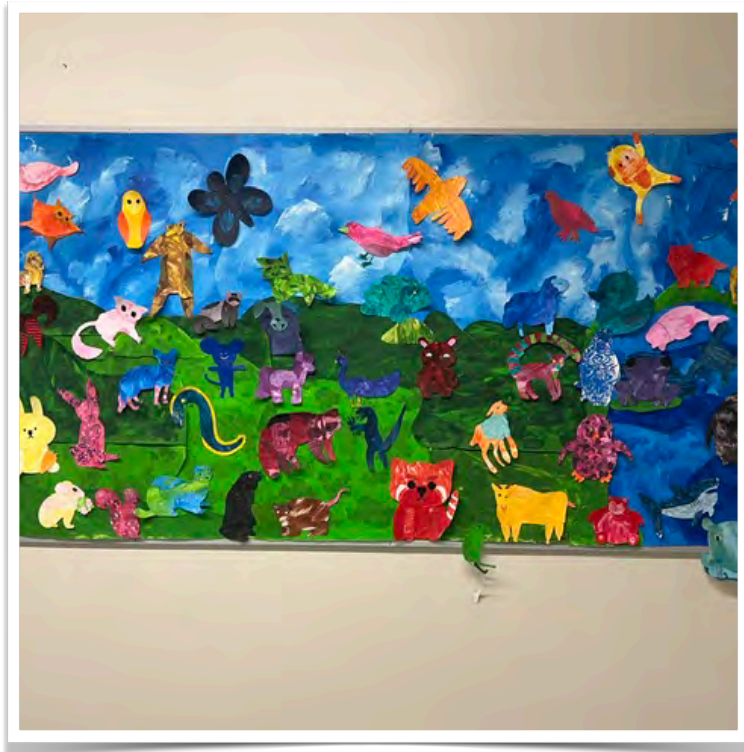
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Bring your family, invite your friends, and come celebrate with us!

Look for School Council and Society updates for more information. Volunteer opportunities and artisan tables are available, so check it out!

Message from Administration continued.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the K-12 Calgary Arts Academy Society and to the many parent volunteers who stepped forward to support our casino fundraiser. Thanks for your time, energy, and generosity of spirit, the event was a tremendous success. From planning and coordination to covering long shifts with enthusiasm and care, your support made a lasting impact on our school. The funds raised through this casino will directly benefit our Kindergarten to Year 12 students and programs, enriching the educational experiences we are proud to offer at CAA. It truly takes a community to support a school like ours, and we are deeply grateful for the partnership, dedication, and commitment our parent community continues to show. Thank you for all that you do to help CAA thrive. Remember to record your volunteer hours!



Year 8/9 "A Story for Every Stripe"

Calgary Arts Academy Youth Arts Awards

These awards recognize the impact young artists have in our community through work that inspires spirited citizenship through the Circle of Courage values of belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the winners of the 2026 Calgary Arts Academy Youth Arts Awards at the 2026 Celebration of the Arts hosted by Mayor Jeremy Farkas and Calgary Arts Development.

Congratulations to Thea Galang, recipient in Visual and/or Media Arts, whose interdisciplinary work offers an impactful exploration of Filipino identity, migration, and belonging.



Congratulations as well to Sebastián Serna, recipient in Performance and/or Literary Arts, who since arriving from Colombia in 2025 has demonstrated remarkable artistic growth while performing across Calgary's vibrant cultural spaces and embodying the Circle of Courage values.

It was an honour to present our first award and be part of an inspiring community event that celebrates the power of youth, creativity, and artistic expression.

Message from Administration continued.

In April, the principals' team attended the Mental Health Summit for educational leaders at the Banff Centre, hosted by the Werklund Institute. We deepened our learning about current research in Social Emotional Learning from leaders in this area from around the world. This exciting professional development opportunity is part of a partnership CAA has with the Werklund Institute which will continue to develop over the next few years.

Message from Administration continued.

The Alberta University of the Arts runs a number of summer programs for youth and high school students, including art camps and a pre-university program where high school students can earn three university credits while building their portfolio.

Should you or your child be interested in taking advantage of these great learning opportunities, use discount code CBE10. Thank you to Michelle Housley, Associate Dean, AUArts, for this amazing offer!

Check it out here: <https://www.auarts.ca/continuing-education/summer-camps> and <https://www.auarts.ca/program-areas/precollege-program> and [micro credentials](#) (for adults).

At Knob Hill we celebrated Earth Day with a joyful sharing assembly on April 23. This year's sharing assemblies have been jam packed with performances, creativity and art. Thank you to Ms. Purcell's Year 2/3 class for hosting!

On Saturday, May 2, our KH School Council gathered to help beautify the school grounds and prepare our garden beds for the growing season. As the weather warms up, classes will begin planting local flowers, fruits and vegetables. We are excited to see what grows!

Our very own Mother Goose, Ms. Tessa and her Year 1 class welcomed a set of eggs to nurture. Everyone is eagerly awaiting the arrival of the goslings and the chance to name them once they hatch.

Looking ahead, our K/1 Showcase will take place on May 13 and 14. More information will be sent home by your child's teacher. As the school year continues to move quickly, we are looking forward to our special June traditions, including Special Adult day and Rose Ceremony. Please watch the weekly updates for more information about these special celebrations.

Rosscarrock has been buzzing with energy and creativity this spring! April brought the highly successful Year 4/5 Showcase to the gym stage, where students wowed families with their deep learning about waste management and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Through dance, drama, music and visual art, they shared their understanding with confidence, joy and a whole lot of heart. The excitement continued with a residency in Year 6/7 with the incredible former poet laureate, Wakefield Brewster, badminton tournaments, start of soccer season, last round of arts options, and Year 8/9 students collaborating with community seniors to learn about the art of interviewing.

Message from Administration continued.

The Year 6/7 students have been observing plant growth in an indoor grow tower built and maintained by Ms. Jen. Thanks to a generous grant from Farm to Cafeteria Canada and seed donations from West Coast Seeds, a whole variety of food seedlings are now sprouting. Soon they will be transferred to our brand-new outdoor garden beds that are being designed and will be installed in front of the Rosscarrock campus. Year 6 to 9 students in the gardening option have been choosing plants that they are most excited to grow and are researching different planting methods, including square foot gardening, companion planting, and Indigenous practices such as the Three Sisters. With the first frost-free date approaching, the excitement for planting season is definitely growing too!

Also in May, our Year 6, 9, and high school students focus on mastery as they work towards high academic achievement in their classes and prepare for Provincial Achievement tests and Diploma exams. This is a great time to renew focus at home on regular review of course material, math practice, and home reading. For those students who are writing exams, please be sure to get a great sleep and have a good breakfast prior to each exam. For all exams, we need parent volunteers to act as readers and/or scribes. Please contact the school for more information.

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

The Erickson Centre has been bursting with creativity these past few weeks as students were immersed in the arts. They stepped into the roles of patrons at both Theatre Calgary and Decidedly Jazz Danceworks, gaining inspiration from live performances. Our Year 11 and 12 visual and media art students had their art on a week-long display at cSPACE.

A dedicated group of 25 enthusiastic and very mature students represented our school with the play "The Yellow Wallpaper" at the the Alberta High School Drama Festival, while guest artists worked with students in Leadership In The Arts, Dance and Creative Writing, enriching their learning with professional insight.

Message from Administration continued.

High school students are now heading into their final stretch of coursework before the June exam break. The last day of regular classes will be on Friday, June 12. An exam break calendar and additional details will be sent home soon.

We are proud of our students' achievements and grateful for the support of our school community. Thank you for your continued partnership in providing a nurturing environment for our students to learn and grow.



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Kindergarten/Year 1 News

This month in K/1 has been full of wonder! We have been busy exploring living systems and our classrooms feel a bit like tiny science labs. We are learning how plants and animals grow and change, and we have been making real-life discoveries every day. We are carefully observing goose eggs that we hope will hatch by the end of May, learning about bees and worms, and getting ready to welcome butterflies into our classrooms. These real-life connections are helping us better understand life cycles and the natural world around us.

In math, we are stretching our thinking with more advanced story problems, practicing how to listen carefully, visualize the problem, and trying out different strategies to solve them. At the same time, we continue working hard at becoming confident readers, building our skills and developing our love of reading more each day.

Kindergarten/Year 1 News continued.

We have also begun preparing for our upcoming showcase “Our Beautiful Earth” on May 13 and 14 with Ms. Shannon and Mr. E, where we are combining music, movement, and storytelling to create something special. Looking ahead, we are excited for our field trip to Granary Road, which will give us even more opportunities to explore our learning outdoors. In Year 1, we have been loving our Arts Immersion visits to TransAlta Performing Arts Studio and spending time learning outside in the beautiful spring weather.

We are excited to continue growing, learning, and celebrating all that we discover together this spring!



Year 2/3 News



April was an amazing month for us in Year 2/3! We were busy creating, exploring, and connecting with each other and our school community. One of our favourite moments was visiting the K/1 Gallery Walk. We loved seeing all the incredible “Tiny Treasures” projects, and we took our time admiring the artwork and celebrating the creativity of our younger friends. It felt great to cheer on other students and be inspired by their ideas.

We also started our final Learning Contract of the year, Growing Places, and it has been so exciting. We have been learning about the layers of the Earth, dinosaurs, fossils, and natural resources.

Year 2/3 News continued.

There have been lots of curious questions, thoughtful conversations, and hands-on activities as we explore how the land and environment shape the world we live in. Some of us have even gone home to share what we learned about fossils and natural resources.

To finish off the month, Ms. Purcell’s class hosted a beautiful sharing assembly focused on Earth Day and poetry. Students did an amazing job sharing their learning and creativity with confidence and care. It was a wonderful celebration of community, imagination, and appreciation for the world around us!

Year 4/5 News

This month in Year 4/5 has been amazing! We officially launched our new Learning Contract, Routes and Roots, and already starting to explore the biological "roots" of our land alongside the historical "routes" of the people who shaped Canada. In Science, we are repurposing vinyl records into plant sculptures to help us learn about living systems. In Social Studies, we are investigating how the fur trade influenced Métis heritage and identity, which has led to some great conversations. In Math, we are using a fraction-based currency for a simulated trading experience, which feels like stepping into the past.



One of the biggest highlights of our month was our trip to Aggie Days on April 17. We loved discovering Alberta’s agricultural legacy and seeing firsthand how farming and ranching connect to our daily lives. We look forward to diving deeper into our native plant research and designing artistic artifacts as we step into the perspectives of Voyageurs.

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SUNDAY MAY 24TH, 2026

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YEAR 4 - 12 STUDENTS**

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Year 6 to 9 Arts Options

Beginner Gardening with Ms. Jen

Students are digging into all things growing food in the beginner gardening class. Thanks to a generous grant from Farm to Cafeteria Canada and seed donation from West Coast Seeds, students are on their way to building and designing an urban farm to be installed at the front of the school at our Rosscarrock Campus. Students in the year 6-9 options classes are selecting plants that they are interested in growing in addition to researching planting methods such as square foot gardening, companion planting, and indigenous practices such as the Three Sisters. Our indoor seedlings have sprouted, and our next steps are to install the garden beds and soil outside in preparation of our frost-free date in our planting zone, 4a.



Music with Mr. Thorson

Students in Year 6-9 Music continue to build skills and confidence on their instruments, while also turning their attention toward future performances at our "CAA: Live at the Ironwood" talent show on May 24.

Improvisation with Ms. Wall

In the improv-focused drama option, students are being introduced to the core elements of improvisational theatre, while collaborating, taking creative risks, and developing their ability to respond in the moment. Currently, students are working on building the anatomy of an improv scene, including developing clear beginnings, middles, and ends, while also investigating relationships between characters. Next, we are exploring how to identify and build the "game" of a scene, and practice a range of theatre exercises and activities to support these skills.

Year to 9 Arts Options continued.

Acts of Impact with Ms. Leung

In the Acts of Impact option, students are exploring how their passions can create meaningful change in their community. They began by researching local organizations connected to causes they care about, building an understanding of real-world needs and impact. Students are now brainstorming ways to give back through awareness campaigns, fundraisers, volunteering, and community drives. Throughout the process, they are developing communication, collaboration,

Brand Making with Ms. Christy

In Visual Arts Option, students are diving into the world of design by creating their own unique brands. Through this process, they are exploring the importance of brand identity and how specific visual elements such as colour, typography, and imagery shape the way a brand is perceived.

Students will apply this understanding to develop a logo and a full branding kit for a product or service that interests them. As their ideas evolve, they will move into prototyping, bringing their concepts to life in tangible ways. This creative journey is also preparing them for the Colours of Spring Market, where they will have the opportunity to showcase their work in an authentic, real world context.

Year 6/7 News

This spring has been an exciting time for us in Year 6/7! We have been digging into the biology of plants and living systems by observing plant processes in action to see how science and creativity connect.

This week, we concluded our poetry unit by performing the poems we wrote with guest poet Wakefield Brewster. Sharing our work in front of an audience took courage and we felt proud using our voices to express the importance of our rights!



Year 6/7 News continued.

In FAMMA, we wrapped learning about Cartesian planes by becoming cartographers, plotting coordinates to create a flower shaped map! It was a fun way to bring math to life.

With the warmer weather finally here, we have been taking our circle meetings outside and decorating the playground with chalk art and positive affirmations.

Year 8/9 News

This month has been full of exciting learning and creativity for us in Year 8/9! In our final Learning Contract, we have started a collaborative multimedia project, designing our own fictional Renaissance inspired kingdoms. Working in groups, we are creating a tourism video and an original national anthem to show off our kingdom's identity, culture and values. We are looking forward to sharing these creative tourism videos with the wider Rosscarrock campus in the coming weeks!

We launched an intergenerational project with Clover Living, where we visit partnered seniors, interview them with the help of translators, and learn about their lives, experiences, and personal stories.

We will be turning these conversations into both a written piece and an original artwork to share in June. This project has been a wonderful way to celebrate Asian Heritage Month while building empathy, communication, and storytelling skills through real community relationships.

To continue our celebration of Asian Heritage Month, we also welcomed performers from the Jing Wo Cultural Association. We experienced traditional lion and dragon dances and learned more about Chinese culture, music, and storytelling.



Year 8/9 News continued.

In Year 8 Humanities, we created our own medieval newspapers as part of our learning about the European Renaissance. Acting as reporters and opinion writers, we covered major events, social changes, and different perspectives from medieval Europe. This project helped us show our learning creatively while exploring how the Middle Ages helped shape the Renaissance.

In Math 9, we demonstrated our understanding of composite 3-D shapes by designing “Geopets”—imaginative creatures built from composite geometric figures. We then calculated the surface area of our creations, putting our geometry skills to the test. We are also preparing for our upcoming Provincial Achievement Tests. Over the next several weeks, we will be reviewing key concepts, practicing written responses, and building confidence in our test-taking strategies.



High School News

Over the Spring Break, 42 students and staff had an unforgettable adventure in Europe! We travelled through Amsterdam, Brussels, and Paris, and every day felt like stepping into a new story. We learned how cheese and wooden clogs are made, tried our hand at Belgian chocolate making, and stood face-to-face with world-famous art at the Louvre and Versailles. It felt like the biggest classroom we have ever been in, and we soaked up every moment.

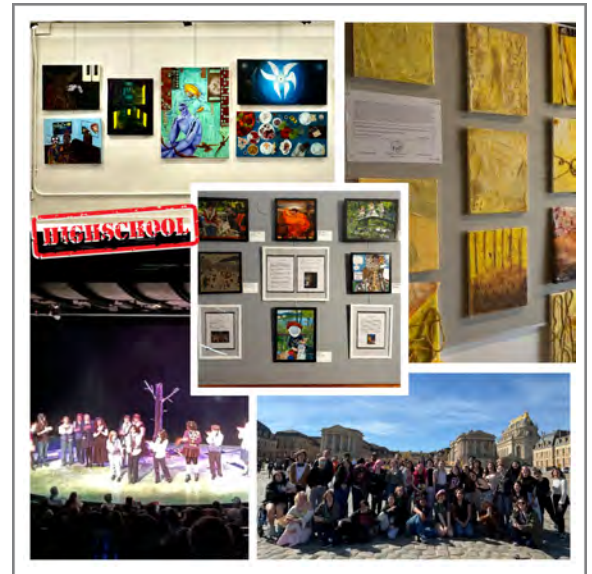
Our High School showcase at the Vertigo Theatre was a huge success! From the eerie tension of *The Yellow Wallpaper* to the dramatic energy of the Fosse-inspired dance numbers, performing for our community was an experience we will never forget.

High School News continued.

Our Year 11 and 12 visual and media artists showcased their work at cSPACE Marda Loop. Their artwork was displayed in the professional gallery and was an incredible opportunity for talented artists.

In English Language Arts 20, we explored Charlotte Perkins Gilman's "The Yellow Wallpaper" and used a mixed media approach to interpret the wallpaper described in different sections of the story. By layering materials, colour and texture, each of us created a visual response that connected classic literature to modern performance in a meaningful way.

As we look ahead to June, we are excited to celebrate our Year 12's at their graduation ceremony on June 3. With only six weeks of classes left before the exam break, we are focused on finishing strong and preparing confidently for exams.



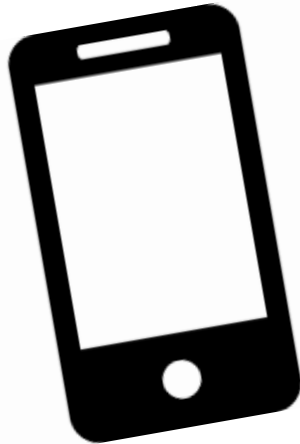
Adult Choir



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.

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Calendar



May 2026

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3 Day 3	4 Day 4 RC Soccer Practice	5 Day 5 Healthy Hunger	6 Day 5 Healthy Hunger	7 Day 1 HS Basketball Game	8 Day 2 Kaitlin Ruether - Guest Artist Creative Writing	9
10 Day 3	11 Day 4	12 Day 4	13 Day 5 Healthy Hunger K/1 Showcase RC Girls Soccer Tournament	14 Day 1 K/1 Showcase	15 PD Day No Classes	16
17 Victoria Day No School	18 Day 2 Year 2/3 Granary Road Field Trip	19 Day 2 Year 2/3 Granary Road Field Trip	20 Day 3 Healthy Hunger RC Boys Soccer Tournament	21 Day 4 Year 8 Laser Tag Field Trip Yr 9: PAT English Part A	22 Day 5 Yr 6 PAT: English Part A	23
24/31 Day 1 RC PE Fencing Year 8/9 all week	25 Day 2	26 Day 2	27 Day 3 Healthy Hunger RC Track & Field Meet	28 Day 4 Yr 9 Course Selection & Grad Rehearsal	29 Day 5 Physics 20/30 Field Trip HS Tour and Course Selection Colours of Spring at RC	30

Calendar



June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Day 1 Yr 12 Grad Rehearsal	2 Day 2 RC PE Classes - Alien In-Line all week	3 Day 3 Year 9 and 12 Graduation Ceremony Year 12 Graduation Banquet	4 Day 4 Yr 6 PAT English Part B Year 9 Graduation Celebration	5 Day 5 KH Special Adult Day	6
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28	29 Day 1 Last Day of School Report Cards	30 PD Day No School	1 Summer Break Begins	2	3	4