



BLESSED CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL

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School Opening Newsletter -Extra -

Happy Monday everyone:

We trust that everyone has had a reasonably (or better) first week of school. Today we are sending out a newsletter extra.

The sheer volume of our *school opening newsletter* grew to be so large that we felt it necessary to hold back a few items that needed to be given more emphasis. So we are sending some new items today including:

- Updated Fee information and individual student fee invoices for 2017-18. *We prefer that fees be paid online by the end of September, however please note that payments can be made at any time throughout the year.*
- CSSD demographic update forms (these must be updated each year for all students in Calgary Catholic Schools). *Please return the updated & SIGNED form by Friday, September 15th.*
- September newsletter to students and their families from St Albert the Great Parish.
- Additional information on behalf of the BCN School Council with respect to upcoming meeting dates and volunteer orientation sessions.
- Elementary Choir update
- Terry Fox Run Consent Form

Before closing, we will provide some clarification on the fee assessments for this year: In preparation for the passing of Bill 1, the CCSD is striving to honor both the letter and the spirit of the legislation to reduce school fees. Below is a side by side comparison of fees assessed in September 2016 to the current assessment you are receiving today. Please do not hesitate to contact our office with any additional inquiries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl Gratton', written over a white background.

Carl Gratton

2016-17 fees structure used at BCN last year		Current fees assessment for 2017-18	
General School fee (School events , presentations , agendas and lanyards)	Kind:\$10.00 1-6: \$15.00 JH : \$30.00	Agendas locks and lanyards	K portfolio: \$5.00 1-6 Agenda: \$5.00 Grade 7 lock: \$5.00
Instructional resource fee	Kind :\$30.00 1-6: \$20.00 JH: \$10.00	<i>Instructional resource fee has been discontinued as of 2017-18</i>	
Activity Fee	Kind: \$50 1-6: \$60.00 JH: \$65.00	Activity Fee	Kind: \$50.00 1-6: \$70.00 JH: \$75.00
Grade 8-9 CTF fee	\$35.00	Grade 8-9 CTF Fee	\$35.00
Total program fees	Kind: \$90.00 1-6 \$95.00	Total program fees	Kind: \$55.00 1-6: \$75.00
Maximum allowed: Kind: \$90 1-6: \$95 JH:\$150	Gr 7 : \$115.00 Gr 8-9: \$150.00	Maximum allowed: Kind: \$70 1-6: \$75 JH:\$115	Gr 7: \$75.00 Gr 8-9: \$110.00
Noon Hour supervision fee (Not applicable to Kindergarten)	\$80.00 per student to a maximum of \$160 per family (if all students in same school)	Noon Hour supervision fee (Not applicable to Kindergarten)	\$80.00 per student to a maximum of \$160 per family (if all students in same school)
Optional fees			
Kindergarten memory Book	\$25.00	Not included	
Gym strip shorts and T shirt	\$30.00	Gym strip shorts and T shirt	\$30.00
Lock	\$5.00	Lock	\$5.00
Yearbook	\$27.00	Recorder (grade 4-5)	\$7.50
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Added notes:

This year, all grade 7 students were supplied with a lock that was added as a fee in the first category and yearbooks can be ordered online directly from Jostens



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A message from BCN School Council:

Our first school council meeting is on **Wednesday September 13th at 7:00 pm** in the Learning Commons. All parents and guardians of students at our school are welcome to attend. It is a great way to get to know the people behind your child's education and have a say in what matters!

Some of the highlights of this meeting will be, approving the **council goals**, hearing about the **council committees**, and the administration report on **staffing, school fees, and Classroom Organization and Junior High Options**.

Our future meeting dates are as follows:

- Wednesday September 13th
- Thursday October 19th
- Wednesday November 22nd
- Thursday December 14th (Christmas Social)
- Thursday February 1st
- Wednesday March 14th
- Thursday May 10th
- Wednesday June 13th

All volunteers must attend a Volunteer Orientation before volunteering in the school. There will be a volunteer orientation held **BEFORE** the school council meeting on September 13th at 6:30 pm. Please contact the school to register at 403-500-2092. Other volunteer orientations are available as well. Here are the dates:

- Wednesday September 13th at 6:30 pm (right before the first school council meeting)
- Monday September 19th at 2:15 pm
- Thursday September 21 at 7:00 pm (during meet the teacher night)
- ~~Thursday September 28 at 8:30 am~~ *Wednesday 27th @ 8:30 am*
- Wednesday October 4 at 8:30 am
- Thursday October 19 at 6:30 pm

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK PRICE

The cost of the Calgary book which includes the APP is \$40. If you are interested in purchasing only the APP that is a cost of \$20. Please note the APP can only be purchased through the fundraising website. <https://fundraising.entertainment.com/>
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Choir Call Out 2017-2018

Welcome back!

I am very excited to offer the opportunity to students in Grades 3 to 5 to sing in our BCN Choir! We rehearse on Day 2, in the Elementary Music Room, after students have had their lunch in the gym.

There is no cost for this club, only the requirement of a beautiful smile, and a strong voice.

During the Christmas season, we will also have Caroling lunch hours, for students who would like to sing Christmas Carols, and learn a few new ones as well!

Here are the days for the choir rehearsals until Christmas break:

- September 14, 25th
- October 3rd, 13th, 23rd, 31st
- November 9th, 20th, 28th,
- December 7th, Liturgical Advent Celebrations-evening from 6 pm to 7:45 (date to be determined)

The formal wear for liturgies and masses is Sunday best (no jeans please).

If you would like to help volunteer with our club, assisting in organizing a pizza lunch or Christmas party, or special treat day, please contact me by e-mail or phone, as this would greatly encourage our young singers.

I hope you have a blessed year, and look forward to our musical journey!

Musically yours,
Teresa Perreault, Elementary Music Teacher
Teresa.perreault@cassd.ab.ca
403-500-2092

WE DAY 2017

This year, the date selected for WE Day is November 1st, this is the same date that had previously been scheduled for our Calgary Catholic School District Faith Day. There is no school on this day, as district staff will be attending our annual faith formation event. Although the district will not be involved in WE Day this year, parents with students in grades 6-12 wishing to attend WE Day can register themselves independently of the school at the following link: <http://bit.ly/2gPoFt6>

Please note that neither the Calgary Catholic School District nor the school will be present at the event. Should you choose to take your child to this event, the responsibility for transportation, chaperoning, supervising, etc. will be solely upon you as the parent/guardian. You will have the full support of a WE Schools Program Manager leading up to WE Day, ensuring you have everything you need for this amazing youth event. For any questions contact christina.fraser@we.org by email or phone at 604.875.8791 x244. To ensure availability, we recommend you register as soon as possible if you wish to attend. Further event detail are listed below.

Event: WE Day Alberta

Date: Wednesday, November 1st

Time: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Venue: Scotiabank Saddledome

Cost: Free

More info: www.we.org/we-day/