

***OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL***  
***STUDENT HANDBOOK***



**In your hands, you hold the power.**

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This student handbook belongs to:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact the Principal if you have any questions or concerns regarding this handbook.

I have read, understood and am fully aware of the information and expectations outlined in this handbook.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Welcome Message

Our Lady of the Rosary School aims to promote development of the "whole" child, by fostering their spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional and physical growth. In partnership with home and church, Our Lady of The Rosary School strives to develop the necessary attitudes, skills, knowledge and values that will enable them to function as Catholic citizens in our community.

### **At Our Lady of the Rosary School...**

Catholic gospel values are modeled and celebrated.

The teaching and learning environment is positive, safe and caring.

Solution-focus is the centre of our decision making and collaborative processes.

The diversity of all learners is accepted, facilitated and celebrated.

Leadership is shared within a collaborative environment.

Risk-taking and innovation are valued and supported by current research to promote best practice.

Students are encouraged and challenged to reach their individual academic potential.

Healthy active lifestyles are promoted and practiced.

## Patron Saint

In the 16th century, Christianity was being threatened in Europe. After months of disagreements and bickering with the Ottomans, Pope Pius V organized a coalition of forces from Spain and other Christian kingdoms and military orders and sent the naval expedition to fight the Turks.

The two navies met in the Gulf of Lepanto in Greece on October 7, 1571. Knowing that the Christian forces were at a distinct disadvantage, Pope Pius V called upon all of Europe to pray the rosary. The group recited the Rosary for the special intention of the Christians at battle and the Christians defeated the Turks in a spectacular victory. It is believed that the intercessory power of the Blessed Virgin helped to win the victory. Pope Pius V dedicated the day as one of thanksgiving to Our Lady of Victory. Pope Gregory XIII later changed the name to the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

The story of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary focuses on the intercessory power of Mary. It shows that when Christians are in danger, they can go to Mary. When an individual is in pain, discouraged, or having trouble accepting God's will, he or she can also go to Mary. She will pray to her Son for anyone who calls on her. There are many examples of the power of praying the rosary.

The Rosary is a deep prayer because as we recite the Our Fathers, Hail Mary's, and Glory Be's, we meditate on the mysteries in the lives of Jesus and Mary. No wonder it pleases Our Lady when we pray the Rosary.

## Parent Responsibility

As partners in the education of our students, we appreciate the support we receive from our parent community to ensure success for our students. We are closely supported in this endeavor by our provincial government as outlined in the *Education Act* from section 32. A parent has the prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be provided to the parent's child and as a partner in education, has the responsibility to:

1. To act as the primary guide and decision-maker with respect to the child's education,
2. To take an active role in the child's educational success, including assisting the student in complying with section 32,
3. To ensure the child attends school regularly,
4. To ensure the parent's conduct contributes to a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment,
5. To co-operate and collaborate with school staff to support the delivery of specialized supports and services to the child,
6. To encourage, foster and advance collaborative, positive and respectful relationships with teachers, principals, other school staff and professionals providing supports and services in the school, and
7. To engage in the student's school community.

*Education Act – Section 32*

## Champion Statement:

A cornerstone of our schools is that every student has a champion. That every child has a one-on-one relationship with an adult in the school, and that the child knows who their champion is and the adult knows the children for which they are responsible.

*“Every child deserves a champion:  
an adult who will never give up on them,  
who understands the power of connection  
and insists they become the best they can possibly be”*

-Pierson, TED Talks Education, 2013

## School Calendar/Bell Times

Supervision is provided 15 minutes prior to the school start bell and 15 minutes following the end of day.

### **Grades 1 - 6**

<i>AM Entry Bell</i>	<i>9:00</i>
<i>Morning Recess</i>	<i>10:25 - 10:40</i>
<i>Lunch</i>	<i>12:05 - 12:45</i>
<i>Dismissal</i>	<i>15:20</i>

### **ESII**

<i>AM Entry Bell</i>	<i>8:50</i>
<i>Lunch</i>	<i>12:05 - 12:45</i>
<i>Dismissal</i>	<i>15:10</i>

## Morning Kindergarten

<i>AM Entry Bell</i>	9:00
<i>Dismissal</i>	11:40

## Afternoon Kindergarten

<i>PM Entry Bell</i>	12:40
<i>Dismissal</i>	15:20

## Homework Guidelines

The district recognizes meaningful, carefully-planned homework can support student success and be a complementary part of a student's overall learning program. The district also recognizes:

- The potential impact of homework on family life;
- The role homework may play in supporting students' self-confidence as a successful learner;
- The benefit of a district-wide, balanced, reasonable approach to homework.

**The homework policy is further supported by specifics topics as outlined in Administrative Procedure 364:**

1. Types of Homework
2. Guiding Principles
3. Holidays and weekends
4. Recommended times
5. Roles and responsibilities

[Administrative Procedure 364 - Homework](#)

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## Electronic Devices

Governing the presence of and use in schools of electronic or mobile devices such as cell phones is subject to the responsibilities of students under section 31 of the *Education Act* and is covered under the CCSD Student Code of Conduct (AP 351 – section 31). Specific to electronic mobile devices, the following unacceptable behaviors include but are not limited to:

- Acts of cyberbullying, harassment or intimidation;
- Breaches of digital online safety;
- Inappropriate use of mobile devices.

Each school is thereby authorized to establish, share publicly and implement site specific expectations and practices around the use of mobile devices as a component of its **Student Code of Conduct** and Progressive Discipline Plan.

All personally owned electronic devices are the sole responsibility of the student. The school is not responsible for loss or damaged items.

## Mobile Devices

At Our Lady of the Rosary School, elementary students are not permitted to use cell phones while at school. We are blessed to have many devices which are utilized in classes to support student learning.

Many parents choose to send their children with cell phones as it is a practice which ensures their safety on the way to and from school. While at school, it is assumed that the cell phone must be secure in the student's book bag and turned off during instruction.

Failure to comply will result in the device being kept by either the teacher or the administration.

## District Internet Use

All staff, students and volunteers are required to sign the Acceptable Use Policy form annually.

[Administrative Procedure 351 - Student Code of Conduct](#)

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## Student Accident Insurance

The Calgary Catholic School District carries a base coverage for all students, however, as it is not comprehensive, it is recommended that students involved in extra-curricular activities carry additional coverage. Information on insurance alternatives are sent home early in September. Parents may opt to purchase student coverage with their own carrier, but proof of coverage must be supplied before a student is allowed to participate in any interscholastic sports teams.

Every student who participates in JH/SH competitive sports must have a signed Parental Authorization to Participate in Competitive Sports form filed with the school. (This regulation includes Elementary Danceworks)

[Administrative Procedure 531 - Student Insurance Programs](#)

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## Attendance Policy

Section 31 of the *Education Act* states that students must “attend school regularly and punctually”. Regular attendance is expected of all students except when illness or a family emergency prevents attendance.

Whenever possible, parents are requested to schedule dental, doctor or other appointments outside of school hours. Teacher professional days are an ideal opportunity to book those appointments without disruptions to the instructional process. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

When students are absent without the school being notified, parents will be contacted through the school automated absence system, SchoolConnects and parents will be asked to contact the school regarding their child's absence the office personnel attempt to contact parents by telephone. This procedure is undertaken to ensure the safety of our students. When parents authorize their children to leave the campus during the school day, the District accepts no liability for those students during those times.

Each principal must have procedures for monitoring and addressing irregular attendance. The plan must involve the School Resource Team (SRT) or counsellor in proactive problem solving which could include

meetings with students/parents/legal guardians and implementation of an attendance improvement plan. Communication between home and school is essential.

Access information regarding Excused and Unexcused Absences in AP 330.

[Administrative Procedure 330 - Student Attendance](#)

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Parents are requested to call the school at 403-500-2126 or email the school to inform the teacher and/or secretary in advance of an absence.

If a student arrives late to school, the student will receive a late pass to be presented to the classroom teacher upon arrival. Late arrivals are noted as part of the attendance.

When students are regularly absent and the teachers and principal are concerned, the parents will be contacted by letter and/or phone call. At times, it is necessary to work closely with parents and student to develop an attendance improvement plan.

For student success, the best plan is for students to arrive on time each day and to attend class regularly. This is the optimal condition for student learning and success.

## Inclement Weather

When conditions reach -20 Celsius or colder including the wind-chill factor, it is recommended that students be kept inside for recess or lunch breaks.

Final responsibility to prepare a child for inclement weather belongs to the parents/legal guardians.

[Administrative Procedure 133 - Inclement Weather](#)

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Beginning at 8:45 am, upon arrival when it is raining or too cold, grade 1 to 6 students are permitted to enter the school via the back tarmac doors and kindergarten students via their front kindergarten entrance. When it is determined to be inclement weather, there will be a sign posted on the exterior doors which invites students to enter the building and sit outside their classrooms where supervision will be provided.

The supervision during lunch hour is a service that is provided partially by Our Lady of the Rosary staff and partially by a paid noon-hour assistant. The cost for our noon-hour assistant is outlined in the school fees and is payable online.

All students remaining for lunch are required to remain on school grounds during the lunch break. No Students will be granted permission to leave school grounds without a parent/guardian.

## Emergency Procedures

Schools are required to complete announced and unannounced fire drill and lockdown safety drill practices throughout the school year. These safety drills are intended to give students an opportunity to practice procedures to be followed in the event of a real emergency and to help them develop confidence and self-control if faced with an emergency situation. Research shows that individuals will respond in an emergency

the way they have been trained to do so. Please be assured the district has emergency plans in place and all school personnel have been trained in emergency preparedness.

[Administrative Procedure 165 - Safety Drills](#)

[Administrative Procedure 132 – Emergency Closings and Cancellations of School](#)

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## Security

During the instructional times of the day access to schools is restricted to the front door.

All visitors to our schools, including parents and volunteers, are directed to check in at the office where we are glad to assist you. All volunteers are required to sign in at the office and receive a badge which indicates that they have signed in.

During the normal course of the day, we do not allow parents to enter the building to bring items to their child. It is important to respect the flow of the day and keep disruptions to instruction to a minimum. We would be glad to assist you at the office with any of your child's needs throughout the school day.

Grade 1 to 6 students will be dismissed through the back doors leading to the tarmac. We ask all parents/caregivers to designate a meeting time when they are dismissed shortly after 3:20 pm.

Kindergarten students will be received and dismissed via the kindergarten entrance, located beside the school's main entrance. Due to noise and safety, we ask that kindergarten parents remain outside on the gathering area with their kindergarten child. Please do not wait inside the school entrance as this blocks our main entry way.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - Families who attend the before and after school programs will access the school during the program hours via the west portable doors. Please ring the bell and the caregivers will come to let the students in.

We ask before and after school parents to NOT use the parking lot for drop off and pick-ups.

## Administering Medication

In creating a safe and supportive environment for students and staff with medical conditions, the district develops appropriate processes, procedures and plans to address medical needs.

No student will be given any medication unless an "Authorization for Administering Medication Form" has been filled out annually and submitted to the school.

## Students with Allergies

CCSD schools are not "Nut-Free" as we are unable to guarantee that nuts will not be a part of student snacks and lunches. Although sending nut-free food items is encouraged, parents make decisions regarding food items for their child.

### **To support a safe environment for all students with allergies:**

- We talk to staff and students about knowing who has an allergy and about what our collective responsibility is as a community
- We strongly encourage those with allergies to continue to be vigilant about avoiding allergens
- We encourage families to avoid packing food products at school that contain nuts

- We encourage a safe environment for everybody in our learning community, by working together with increased awareness and shared vigilance

[Administrative Procedure 316 - Identifying And Managing Students' Medical Needs](#)

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## Communication

All CCSD schools communicate with parents / guardians through School Messenger, an automated system, that sends out emails, texts or phone messages.

Parents, students and teachers are to establish and maintain clear lines of communication throughout the school year. If concerns arise, please follow these procedures:

- a) For a class matter, contact the teacher first. If further discussion is required, please contact an administrator;
- b) For a school-wide matter, contact school administration;

School Website - Each school maintains an informative website where pertinent school and district information and calendar events can be found. Parents and students are encouraged to regularly visit the school website for updated information.

### Kindergarten - Grade 6

The school agenda (Electronic and/or paper versions) is an effective tool providing ongoing communication between parents and teachers. Some schools and teachers may use various social media platforms to share information.

### Grades 7 - 12

BRIGHTSPACE is an online communication platform that allows students and parents to monitor homework, grades and utilize other educational tools. Student agendas are no longer commonly used in junior high schools, and not in senior high schools, students are expected to use Brightspace to plan their homework activities and monitor assignment due dates and academic progress. Electronic organizers are also available on BRIGHTSPACE. Students can communicate directly with teachers through Brightspace.

Parents are encouraged to review their child's homework and grades regularly through this platform.

Consistent with Alberta Education's mandate, the reporting process requires teachers to ensure that they effectively communicate to parents/legal guardians about what the child's progress in relation to the provincial programs of study. Scheduling of parent teacher conferences throughout the school year also facilitates in-person communication and deeper conversations about student learning between home and school. Most schools use Conference Manager to facilitate this process.

[Administrative Procedure 361.1 - Parent Teacher Conferences](#)

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Our Lady of the Rosary School publishes a weekly newsletter which is typically sent home to parents on Friday afternoon. This newsletter provides parents with an "at-a-glance" overview of the upcoming week. It also celebrates curricular, co-curricular and extracurricular events which have recently occurred.

This weekly news contains all reminders and information required to keep you well informed.

In addition to being emailed, this weekly news publication is included on our website at

[www.cssd.ab.ca/schools/ourladyrosary](http://www.cssd.ab.ca/schools/ourladyrosary). Please consult it frequently for the most up-to-date information.

Updates and additional notices, when warranted, will be sent home with the oldest or only child of the family.

Our intent is to return all phone calls and e-mails by the following business day from when we receive them. Even during non-teaching times, staff members are involved in various duties and activities. Please keep in mind that there are occasions when extenuating circumstances do not allow us to meet this 24 hour guideline

## School Council

All parents/legal guardians with children attending school are members of their local school council and are encouraged to participate in council activities.

Councils usually meet on a monthly basis. School Councils are established in all schools and serve as a vehicle for parents/legal guardians, principals and teachers to meet and work together towards common goals. School council chairs also meet with one another, district administrators and members of the Board of Trustees at district-wide meetings. Please speak to your child's school principal to get involved.

*[School Council Handbook](#)*

<https://www.cssd.ab.ca/Parents/SchoolCouncil/Documents/SCHandbook.pdf>

## Student Organizations, Clubs and Extra-curricular Offerings

To ensure a well-rounded educational experience for all students, our school community may provide several extra-curricular offerings during the school year. These may include the following, all of which will be facilitated by school staff and aligned with Catholic teachings:

Dependent upon staff interests and passions, Our Lady of the Rosary School may offer a variety of clubs and extracurricular opportunities such as:

- Fine Arts clubs
- Drama clubs or productions
- Music clubs or choirs
- Social justice clubs and activities
- Athletic activities
- Games clubs
- Academic clubs
- Faith groups and activities
- Voluntary student organizations or activities that are aligned with Catholic teachings and promote equality and non-discrimination with respect to race, religious belief, colour, gender, gender identity, gender expression, physical disability, mental disability, family status or sexual orientation.

If you wish further information about any of these offerings, please contact the principal.

*[Administrative Procedure 350 – Welcoming, Caring, Respectful, and Safe Learning Environments](#)*

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## Student Code of Conduct/Dress Code

The student code of conduct ensures that each student enrolled in a school operated by the District is provided with a welcoming, caring, respectful, and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense

of belonging to support Catholic Communities of Caring; and to support the District's Mission, Value, and Vision Statements.

The student code of conduct guides our students and staff regarding appropriate and inappropriate conduct, dress code and activities as outlined in section 31 of the *Education Act*.

[Administrative Procedure 351 - Student Code of Conduct](#)

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## Air Rifles/Guns

The district prohibits students from possessing weapons or engaging in violent or threatening acts on school property, and at school sponsored functions and activities. "Weapon" means any object, device, or instrument designed or through its use is capable of threatening or producing bodily harm to oneself or others. By this definition, air rifles/guns are therefore considered weapons. As it is challenging to visually identify these weapons as air rifles/guns, school staff, Calgary Police Services and the RCMP will likely respond in the same manner as they would an actual rifle/gun. For the safety of all students, staff and visitors in the school, these items are not allowed on school property or at school-related activities under any circumstance.

As outlined in the *Education Act*, students can be held accountable for conduct that occurs outside of the school building or school day and electronically (e.g. social media), if the conduct negatively affects a member of the school or interferes with the school environment.

## Progressive Discipline Plan:

Students who engage in unacceptable behavior will be held accountable through the school's progressive discipline plan. Consistent and logical consequences, rather than punitive measures, are important to support students in making appropriate choices and help shape their future actions.

In any disciplinary situation, each student will be dealt with on an individual basis, and will take into account the student's age, maturity and individual circumstances. As well, parental or district administration involvement may be requested to support school discipline procedures.

The school's use of the progressive discipline plan will determine the expectations, consequences and the progression of actions to be taken depending on the severity and/or frequency of the occurrences. At all times, teachers and administrators will use their professional judgment in applying consequences.

Consequences must have a positive effect on the student's journey through reconciliation, either formally or informally, with the school community and those affected by the student's behaviour. The following consequences are progressive in their degree of intervention and will be enacted depending on the frequency and severity of occurrences.

Progressive discipline is a whole-school approach that utilizes a continuum of interventions, supports, and consequences, including:

- prevention measures and initiatives;
- early and ongoing intervention strategies;
- strategies to address unacceptable behaviour.

Interventions and consequences increase when:

- the concerning behavior is persistent;
- the concerning behavior escalates;

- there is a very serious infraction of the code of conduct.

Interventions and consequences may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- informal conferences;
- restriction of privileges;
- parent conferences;
- in-school suspensions;
- risk assessment;
- suspension / expulsion (AP 356, AP 356.1);
- student relocation (AP 357);
- Behaviour Support Plan (as part of the Learner Support Plan);
- involvement of Instructional Services and supports;
- involvement of external services and supports.

The principal may involve police in disciplinary matters when criminal activity has become evident. When police are involved, the principal will conduct a separate, parallel investigation at the school level and provide disciplinary action separate from any criminal charges that may be issued.

## Suspension

Serious infractions of school expectations can result in a suspension. **A student under suspension from school may not enter school property during the term of suspension.**

A suspended student may not participate in or attend any school activity or athletic event during the time of the suspension.

### **Student support:**

Support will be provided to students impacted by inappropriate behaviour and to those students who engage in inappropriate behaviour. This is significant because while the student code of conduct must address the consequences for inappropriate behaviour, such as bullying, it also ensures that support (not just consequences) is provided to those students who engage in unacceptable behaviour.

Examples of how support could be provided to students who have engaged in unacceptable behaviour include mentoring, restorative processes, regular check-ins with teachers or schools' counsellors, counselling, etc.

### **Consideration of student diversity:**

The *Education Act* requires that the student code of conduct address consequences for unacceptable behaviour and that these reasonable consequences take into account the student's age, maturity and individual circumstances. The specific circumstances of the situation and of the student need to be taken into account when determining appropriate consequences. For example, any diverse needs that the student has – whether they are physical, behavioural, communicational, mental health, trauma, etc. – must be considered. The age and maturity of students involved should be considered when determining the consequences and support required.

## Field Trips

The district arranges for students/children in the district to participate in field trips, tours, off-campus activities, athletic events and/or other excursions ("field trip") which, in the opinion of the district, have definite educational, athletic or cultural value.

The district, through the relevant school, will provide parents/legal guardians a Field Trip Consent form which shall include the following particulars of any field trip two weeks, if possible, and at least three school days, at minimum, prior to the intended date of the field trip:

- (a) destination;
- (b) arranged supervision;
- (c) date(s) and time(s);
- (d) transportation plans;
- (e) associated risks that should be highlighted regarding the field trip;
- (f) costs, if any;
- (g) a telephone number through which additional information on the field trip may be obtained; and,
- (h) parent/legal guardian consent and waiver form.

It is the parents/legal guardians responsibility to advise the school of any medical condition(s) that may affect the student/child's participation in the field trip. Parents/legal guardians need to understand that any medical information requested would be collected for the purpose of student safety during field trips, including student athletic events (which are generally considered to have an inherent element of risk of injury despite all safety precautions), and, that in the event of a medical emergency, the supervising teacher or any one of the volunteer chaperones may seek medical advice and/or treatment deemed necessary for the health and safety of the student/child and the parent/legal guardian shall be financially liable for the provision of such medical emergency services.

Parents/legal guardians shall agree to release and hold harmless the Calgary Catholic School District, the school, and their respective agents, servants and employees, from and against any and all claims for damages or bodily injuries arising out of the student/child's participation in an authorized field trip. The district will, however, be responsible for any injuries and damages suffered by the student while participating in any such field trip that arises as a result of the negligence of the district.

Parents/legal guardians have the right to advise the district, through the relevant school, in writing, at least two school days before the commencement of any particular field trip, that they do not consent to the student/child participating in the field trip, in which event their consent and authorization will be considered as withdrawn for the particular field trip and the student shall not be allowed to participate in such field trip.

## Student Support Services

**Diverse Learning Teacher:** This position supports classroom teachers and students in Grades K-12 identified by Alberta Education coding and with unidentified learning needs. Support is provided in conjunction with the homeroom teacher and within the framework of the Alberta Education Programs of Study.

A key component of this support is the development and implementation of the Learner Support Plan (LSP), which guides teachers, parents and the diverse learning teacher during the year as they deliver the instructional program. The LSP is developed annually with parental involvement and student input, and is intended to be a working document that is consulted, reviewed and adapted with all stakeholders on an ongoing basis throughout the school year.

[\*Administrative Procedure 214 – Diverse Learning\*](#)

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**School Resource Team:** The School Resource Team (SRT) is a school-based team consisting of teachers, diverse learning teachers, and administration who engage in a collaborative process for supporting diverse student needs. Through the process, the SRT team may identify learning needs, brainstorm possible school-based strategies and supports, and/or request additional support from the district's Instructional Services team.

**District Support Services:** The Instructional Services team within the Calgary Catholic School District provides academic, social-emotional, behavioural, cultural and faith-based supports to teachers and students with a goal to support student excellence.

The Instructional Support team includes district consultants, district counsellors, psychologists, in-home family support workers, intercultural and multicultural support workers and more.

Please speak with your child's classroom teacher or school administration if you feel you or your child would benefit from any of these supports.

## Student Assessment

Grade 6 and 9 students write Provincial Achievement Tests in May and June. Parents will be informed of their child's performance in June and in the fall.

Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Test dates and procedures will be communicated in our newsletter and on our website. In addition, the grade 6 teaching team will send home more detailed information regarding procedures and habits related to success during testing time.

## School Fees

In accordance with [Bill 1](#) all parents of students in the Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD) are expected to pay school fees. Fees are collected for several reasons and allow your child to participate fully in educational enhancements and activities.

### **School fees can include:**

1. Activity and field trip fees (core subjects): Used for special class activities, presentations, and field trips
2. Programs of choice and CTF fees (junior high and high school only)
3. Extracurricular fees (junior high and high school only)
4. Noon hour fees (elementary and junior high school only)
5. Optional fees: Used for school/program specific requirements (such as recorders, yearbooks and gym strip)

The school fees charged per student vary from school to school and parents will receive notice from their school in September of each school year outlining fee amounts and payment options.

There must be provisions at each school to waive fees for students who cannot pay due to financial hardship. These provisions must be communicated clearly and explicitly to parents and students.

The CCSD fee management and online payment system is an easy and secure way to pay school fees from the comfort of your home. Payments can be made by credit or debit card. For more information or to pay fees online, please visit [www.cssd.ab.ca](http://www.cssd.ab.ca) and click the "Online Fee Payment" icon. Email [feeinquiry@cssd.ab.ca](mailto:feeinquiry@cssd.ab.ca) for more information.

Fees can also be paid directly to the school by cheque or cash.

In cases of financial hardship, a fee payment plan may be discussed with the school principal or designate. Please contact your school directly.

Parents who require fees to be waived due to financial hardship must make this request directly to the principal. Waived fees will be processed by the ACORN fee account record being signed by the principal, kept on file and then the ACORN record will be adjusted.

## Lost or Damaged Books

Students are responsible for returning their textbooks and library books. All books must be returned in good condition. Fees may be applied if they are lost or damaged.

[Administrative Procedure 505 - School Fees](#)

[Administrative Procedure 511 - School Generated Funds Including Fees](#)

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At Our Lady of the Rosary School, we work to teach students the concept of "extraordinary respect". One of our guidelines is to "love it like you own it" and students are encouraged to protect and care for school property as if it were their own.

At times students will lose a book or bring back books which are excessively damaged. In such instances, the learning commons librarian will communicate with parents via a written notice. There are times when parents will be asked to pay the replacement cost of the lost or damaged book.

## School Visitors

Any person in a school other than students and school staff is considered a "visitor." This includes volunteers, parents, caregivers, district personnel and the public. To ensure a safe learning environment for our students, Occupational Health and Safety regulations require all visitors to report and sign in at the front office upon entering the school.

**All volunteers and district personnel are required to wear a name tag while in the school**, including those who are at the school on a regular basis.

At Our Lady of the Rosary School, all visitors are required to sign in at the office and receive a volunteer/visitor tag or sticker which they are asked to wear while they are in the school. This easily alerts all staff that they have already signed in at the office.

## Volunteers

Volunteers are an important part of our school community. The support of volunteers is beneficial to students and teachers and enables schools to provide opportunities for students that would not be possible otherwise. We value the time and energy you put into supporting our school.

The principal of the school has the responsibility, in consultation with staff, parents, and the community, to determine who will volunteer in the school and what form each school's volunteer program will take. The principal is guided in all decisions, including those related to volunteers, by the provincial School Act as well as district policies, regulations and practices. **It is expected that all schools will have a volunteer handbook and will ensure all volunteers attend an annual orientation prior to service.**

In developing their school specific Volunteer Handbook, principals will use this guideline and attached documents.

Volunteers taking part in overnight field trips and/or volunteer coaching must have a current police security clearance. This must be updated every three years.

Our Lady of the Rosary School offers face-to-face volunteer orientations on several occasions during the first two weeks of the school year. These dates will be published in our initial newsletter and added to our website.

In addition, we have posted our online volunteer orientation presentation and handbook on our school website. If you are unable to attend a face-to-face orientation, you may view the volunteer orientation, print and complete the necessary documents and present yourself at the office. It is best to make an appointment with an administrator to go through these documents once you have completed and signed them.

[Administrative Procedure 490 - Volunteers in Schools](#)

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## School Phone Use

Should an emergency occur or an urgent need arise and you wish to contact your child, then we will call your child to the office to speak to you. This way, we are assured that critical messages do not go astray. Should the student have an urgent reason to contact the parent, the teacher and office staff will be happy to facilitate the use of the school telephone. Please note that the school phone is to be used for urgent matters only and is not to be used to arrange playdates or other extracurricular activities. These should be arranged at home between the parents and the students before or after school times.

## Lost and Found

Each school has a Lost and Found area where students and parents may find missing items, please contact the office for its location. Students should refrain from bringing valuables, collectibles and large sums of money to school. The school cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items.

Sweaters, jackets, book bags, lunch kits, etc. may be claimed from the lost and found box. At Christmas, Easter and the end of the year, any unclaimed items will be given to a charitable organization or discarded. We ask that you label all items: runners, gym clothes, winter boots, lunch kits, binders, jackets, mitts, etc.

## Transportation

**Kindergarten to Grade 6:** Students must reside within the school boundaries and live at least 1.8 kilometers from the school to be eligible for charter busing. District policy states that students must have completed a transportation application form and have made arrangements with the school for payment before they will be permitted to ride the bus. Students who reside further than 2.4 kilometers from their designated school must complete a transportation application form but are not required to pay transportation fees.

The school does not have the ability to change routes or create stops. Please contact the school to complete a Transportation Change Request form.

During unpredictable weather conditions please consult the My School Bus APP.

**Junior High/Senior High Students:** Students in the City of Calgary residing 2.4 kilometers or more from their designated school are eligible to receive subsidized bus passes.

**Student Conduct on Buses/Taxis (includes charter services and City Transit)**

Students riding the bus/taxi must remember they are accountable to the driver and through him/her to the principal of the school. Continued violation of any of the rules listed in AP 351 may lead to the loss of riding privileges, loss of bus pass or, suspension from school.

[AP 351](#)

Please see [AP 560](#) for further details on students residing in the Rocky View School division, programs of choice or alternative schools, special education students, special circumstances, and payment in lieu of transportation.

[\*Administrative Procedure 560 - Student Transportation\*](#)

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## Parking Drop-off and Pick-up Location

To ensure student and staff safety, it is imperative that parents follow the directions of the school regarding pick up/drop off and use of staff parking lot.

Safety of all students is central to the parking, drop-off and pick-up procedures at Our Lady of the Rosary School.

Parents are asked to park anywhere along Cranston Gate or along Cranford Drive (south of the bus zone). If parking near driveways, please be respectful of our neighbours' driveways.

The small parking lot is reserved for staff only. NO PARENTS shall use the parking lot to drop off or pick up their children. For reasons of safety and courtesy, please do not drop off students in the staff parking lot. Please do not park in the staff parking lot in the evenings during school functions.

Choose safety over convenience and please model safe behaviors for parking and crossing the street. We have safety patrols available at all crosswalks before and after school to assist students to cross the street. Please take the time to walk your children to the crosswalks instead of jaywalking. This is extremely dangerous and illegal

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