

To Start A New Year

A new year is unfolding—like a blossom with petals curled tightly concealing the beauty within. Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good—with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our help and the humility and openness to accept help from others.

As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible—with Your help and guidance."

Amen.

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL:

Dear Parents and Students:

Students in high school are in the process of preparing for their final exams for semester one. We encourage all of our students to make their studies a priority over the coming days and weeks. Your extra efforts now can make the difference in your achievement. You are encouraged to actively participate in all review sessions offered by your teachers and to attend your live classes leading up to the exams. There are many resources available online offering excellent strategies on how to prepare for your exams. We wish you all the best! Please check for the exam schedule in the Announcement folder in FirstClass.

The beginning of this school year, the school administration held three presentations for parents. The feedback we gathered from these sessions conveyed that parents value the quality of our education programs, the many events, and activities we offer. In addition, there were concerns regarding the future of Home Education in Alberta. The sessions validated the work we are doing for our families, but it also highlighted some of the challenges and opportunities. We will continue with our engagement sessions during the first week of February. These sessions will focus on how we can improve our offerings to parents/students and meet the expectations of Alberta Education. This year our school received feedback on our Home Education audit. Also, we hosted Alberta Education for a half day session on our programs. Moving forward we want The Centre for Learning @HOME to be at the forefront of Home Education and Online Learning in Alberta.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who supported our Adopt-A-Family Good Works Initiative. This year, we were able to sponsor nine CFL families in the hopes of making their Christmas more enjoyable. A special thanks goes to Ms. Peterson for coordinating this project.

Mr. Paul Byrne
Principal

“Leave Not One Heart Behind”

HIGHSCHOOL STUDENTS

Counsellors' Corner

Happy New Year! Our first semester is just about over, and you will begin semester two very soon. Work hard and stay focused, as you're almost there! As students consider adjustments to their high school timetables for the second semester, we are available to advise and make changes. Please call, or e-mail, if you need help.

Applying for Post-Secondary Schools

If you are applying to a university or college in Alberta, go to www.applyalberta.ca. If you are applying to a post-secondary school that is not on the applyalberta.ca website, you should go directly to that school's website, and apply there. You will need to order your final transcript to send to the school.

If you are applying to any Ontario school, go to www.ouac.on.ca. This is the central application system for all Ontario post-secondary schools. Fill out your application and choose the schools you would like to apply to. You will need to have your final transcripts sent to the specific school you plan to attend.

For all other post-secondary schools across Canada, you must go to the school's website, and apply to them directly. You will need to have your final transcripts sent to the specific school you plan to attend.

IMPORTANT

As you will have read on the website above, if you are applying to a school through applyalberta.ca, you do NOT need to send in any transcripts. If you are applying to ANY school outside of applyalberta.ca, you must send in official transcripts. Official transcripts are not sent out until your June exam results are in. However, you should order them prior to this. The cost is \$10 per transcript.

To get an official transcript, you have to register with myPass - <https://public.education.alberta.ca/PASI/myPass>

Once registered, a password is mailed to you and then you are able to use this password to see information about your grades, and order your official transcript.

The deadlines are approaching quickly for many post-secondary applications. Please check **NOW**, if you haven't done so yet. If you need any information, please feel free to contact us.

Rutherford Scholarship

Please check the link below for updated information about this scholarship.
<http://studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships/alberta-scholarships/rutherford-scholarship/>

Remember to use www.alis.alberta.ca if you need information on various careers, resources, and scholarships. This is a great website!

Another awesome website for career related information is: <https://www.myblueprint.ca/> The activation key for this website is **learningathome**.

SAT: If you need **SAT** scores for entry to U.S. colleges or universities, you can get more information at the following link: <https://sat.collegeboard.org/home??affiliateId=cbhomeexp&bannerId=sat>

GRAD NEWS

GRADUATION-Friday, June 2, 2017

All Grad correspondence will start in February 2017. Newsletters will be posted in the Grad Folder, Announcements, emailed and mailed out to every grade 12 student who may be graduating in 2017.

You can graduate if you have done 12 years of schooling or are in Grade 12. The Graduation Ceremony takes place at St. James Church, Okotoks and starts around 1.30pm (subject to change). However, students need to be at the church by 11am for rehearsals. After the ceremony, we go outside for the cap toss photo. Everyone leaves to get ready for the evening Graduation Banquet. You must attend the Ceremony to attend the Banquet. The Graduation Banquet is at the Foothills Centennial Centre, Okotoks and we have a Grand March of the Grads, a buffet supper, speeches and toasts, and a Dance. Please check the Grad folder in First Class for further details.



THE CINDERELLA PROJECT



The Cinderella Project helps female Grads if the family are having financial stress. They work with the Grad and get them a dress and other items for the evening banquet. If any of you would not come to Grad because you could not afford the clothes please let me know. I am a Fairy Godmother for this project so I can help out - wand and all!

Contact Ms. Craigen at rcraigen@redeemer.ab.ca for more information.

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Below please find some finance information which may be helpful :

Expense claim & original itemized receipts must be received in CFL@HOME Okotoks office by:	Reimbursement Date:
October 07, 2016	October 31, 2016
November 10, 2017	November 30, 2017
February 3, 2017	February 28, 2017
June 12, 2017	June 30, 2017

Reimbursement forms can be found on our website homepage at <http://centreforlearning.ca>.

Reimbursement is made by:

- Cheque or Direct deposit (void cheque and current email must be provided to our office)

BETWEEN THE LINES - BOOKCLUB

Happy New Year to Everyone! There have been a few changes with the book club. We will be going back to gift cards for the reading log winners and the draws will now be every other month. Please combine your December /January minutes for the draw on January 31st. Reading logs for the February/March draw will start on February 1st.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NOVEMBER READING LOG WINNERS:


JACOB GOOSEN - HALLIE NEIBOER - KEATON BUSTARD

GREAT JOB!!



ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Please check out our Physical Education, Health and Wellness Events in Alberta at the following web link: <https://cfl.inviteright.com/event/publicevents/K717CA>



2017 CFL Science Olympics
Mr. Tait through FirstClass, or e-mail: dtait@redeemer.ab.ca or phone: 403-938-8046 ext. 5323.
Science...it's a wonderful thing!



from the Adopted Family Program

The Centre for Learning @Home would like to thank all who donated to the adopted families in one way or another, whether it was a cash donation, a specific item or their time. Due to your incredible generosity we were able to support nine families in our school community with gift cards, specific items of need and most of all the knowledge that they are not alone during this season of hope and love.

May God shower his blessings down upon you and your family in this New Year 2017!