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The Calgary Jewish Academy  
בית הספר היהודי בקלגרי

## Important Dates to Remember

<b>Dec</b>	17-20	Mon-Thurs	Inline Skating
	19	Wed	Non-Uniform Day
	21	Fri	Last Day of Classes AM Classes Only 12:15PM Dismissal
	24-31	Mon-Mon	Winter Break
<b>Jan</b>	1-4	Tue-Fri	Winter Break
	7	Mon	Classes Resume
	7	Mon	Grade 1-9 COP Ski Day
	9	Wed	Non-Uniform Day
	15	Tue	Internet Safety Session With Paul Davis 6:30PM
	21	Mon	Tu BiShvat Assembly 9:30AM Led by Grade 3 Students PA Tu BiShvat Class Treats
	22	Tue	Tu BiShvat Seder
	23	Wed	Non-Uniform Day Yiddish Weeks until Feb 7
	25	Fri	N-9 Report Cards go Live for Printing
	31	Thur	Semester 1 Ends Classes 8:30AM-2:19 PM Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:30PM-8:30PM
<b>Feb</b>	30	Wed	Model UN Team to Boston
	1-4	Fri-Mon	Model UN Team to Boston
	1	Fri	No Classes Parent/Teacher Interviews 9AM-1PM
	6	Wed	Non-Uniform Day
	7	Thur	Learning and Science Fair 5-7PM
	14	Thur	PD Day – No Classes
	15	Fri	PD Day – No Classes
	18	Mon	Family Day – No School



A Monthly Newsletter for the friends of CJA

December 2018

## Message from our Principal

As 2018 comes to an end, we have so positive experiences to celebrate and our students have continued to demonstrate excellence in a range of academic, athletic and extracurricular opportunities.

This week's Latke Lunch was an incredible success. The Chanukkah Celebrations, Latke Snack in the Early Years Program and Chanukkah Preschool Concert were amazing and we are very pleased with the community support for these events. Without our amazing parents, events such as these would not be possible. We would like to extend a special thank you to our parent volunteers and chairs of these events.

The school has embarked on a focus connected to the role of a mensch in our school, community, nationally and globally. Our school theme will focus on supporting students with behaviours that are kind, respectful and with empathy towards one another.

This week our grade four to seven students attended the live performance of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at Story Book Theatre. This was a fabulous event as our students first read this story in grade 3 and had a far better understanding of the story than the other schools who were in attendance.

The basketball season is now upon us following a very successful volleyball season. This year we will have one boys basketball team as well as one girls team. We will also be running a junior program for our grade six athletes. All boys and girls interested in participating in skills and scrimmage are invited to attend their first session the week of December 10-15th. We encourage our younger students to come out and cheer on our teams.

We are also pleased to share that the success of our organization and the results that we see year after year are evidenced in the Alberta Education Results Report. This report is available for viewing on the CJA website as of December 6th, 2018. The Results Report highlights the information provided by parents and community from the Accountability Report Survey which was conducted in April of 2018. It also reports to the province on the key academic, social emotional and facility initiatives that have successfully been completed this in the past school year. The report analysis also gives insight into the direction of our three year strategic plan and informs the direction we need to take to increase student success, well-being and school involvement. It informs our decisions about how to teach, how to organize ourselves, how to play a role in the community and how to continue the excellence that is a part of the CJA. Our three year plan positions us and provides us with a map that will lead us into the future as we remain focused on the schools mission and vision.

As the year comes to a close, the staff and faculty of the CJA would like to wish our families a Happy Chanukkah and a restful winter break. Cheg Sameah.

Ms. Brenda English  
Head of School

Click [here](#) for School Calendar

## Book Fair News from the Library

It is with great pleasure that I would like to announce the success of our Scholastic Book Fair. The school's sales totaled \$4,733.85 of which the library gets 60% in books or 40% in money from Scholastic.

I would like to personally thank all parents and students for their support, and of course a special thank you to all Moms, Dads, Bubbies and Nannies who volunteered their time to help make our Book Fair such a success. Without their help this fundraiser would not be possible.

Todah Raba  
Ms. Tammy Belanger  
Library Technician

### Book Fair Door Prize Event

All Students were automatically entered into this event and could win \$50.00 worth of books.

Felicity Herman in Grade 1A won.

We also did a second Door Prize Draw for \$25.00 worth of books.

Tegan Laurence in JKB won

Congratulations to both our winners!!

## Grades 1-9 CJA Ski Day at COP

I am very excited to let you know that our annual ski/snowboard day at Canada Olympic Park is on Monday January 7th. I realize that it's the first day back from Winter Break, but this is the date they were able to give us and accommodate our school. It will be a nice way to ease back into routine with a full day on the slopes. This is a part of PE class that allows students to experience activities outside of traditional gymnasium space (Alternative Environment). Students in grades 1-9 will participate in lessons and ski or snowboard all day with qualified instructors. COP does a great job working with beginners to experts. The cost of the trip is \$30, which includes lift pass, rentals and transportation to and from the hill. Please fill out the [Google permission form online](#) and pay the fee to the front office. The deadline is Monday, December 17th for all the documents and payments. Please make sure you get everything in on time, since we need to submit numbers to COP and Winter Break starts that week too.

Thank you!  
Mr. Alex Kouperman

## Hot Lunch Survey

Last call reminder for the hot lunch survey! It will be closed on Sunday night at 11:59pm.

Please give us your feedback so that we can work to make hot lunch even better!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QSX675N>

Thank you to those who have responded, we are happy to hear that most people are happy with hot lunch and are excited to make changes based on your responses so far.

## Casino Update

Thank you so much to all the parents, teachers, grandparents, community supporters who volunteered for our casino on November 13 and 14.

## Grandparents & Grandpals Day at the Calgary Jewish Academy By Joseph Tappenden

Bridging the gap between grandparents and students plays an important role in the work that we do at the Calgary Jewish Academy. It gives students the opportunity to connect their family heritage, customs and traditions to what they study in school in real time. On Friday, November 16th, 2018, the CJA held our annual Grandparents & Grandpals Day in which our students invited those who are near and dear to them for an eventful morning. The day started off with our 300 students and over 250 guests gathered in the gymnasium to take part in a Shabbat service led by our Grade 4 class, giving Grandparents and Grandpals a real taste of what a Friday T'filah service is like at the CJA. As the morning progressed our guests were able to experience Jewish life at the CJA by taking in a variety of Shabbat themed crafts, participating in an Israeli dance workshop, and even spent some time with students reading stories in both Hebrew and English. Providing the platform for grandparents, grandpals and grandchildren to experience Jewish education together helps strengthen Jewish identity by igniting a conversation about the role Judaism plays in our everyday lives.

As a part of Grandparents & Grandpals Day, we honour a person or couple that is continuously engaged in having these types of conversations. This year the honour was presented to the grandpal community. A grandpal is someone who provides support and guidance to a student in lieu of a grandparent being present. Accepting the honour on behalf of all Grandpals was Maxine Fischbein. Maxine, a graduate of Jewish day school, is a true advocate for Jewish Education. For years, Maxine has been volunteering her time with students, teaching them the value of building community. Long time grandpals of Maxine, Benji and Liah Silver, presented her with an honorary CJA Graduate Certificate on behalf of the school.

We are quite fortunate to share such a great relationship with our community of grandparents, grandpals and friends of the Calgary Jewish Academy. The role they play in our student's lives certainly shows that they are committed to Jewish education and the continued success of our community and school.



## CJA Shares Student Success and Reporting to Parents

Did you know that CJA Faculty will be hosting a second round of parent teacher interviews (Student Led Conferences) at the end of January 31st and February 1st, 2019. Throughout Canada and North America many educational institutions, schools and programs have made changes in their reporting process. CJA is embarking on this and transitioning to "Student Led Conferences" at the end of January. Student success, growth and learning opportunities will be shared at our "Student Led Conferences". Parents will still book their sessions with teachers; however, students will be sharing their growth and learning with their parents and the teacher. Students will be showcasing evidence of their learning, their work and growth during their ten minute interviews. Teachers will be reporting utilizing indicators on the report, but growth and improvement will be shared at the "Student Led Conferences in January.

Comments for Personal and Social Development will be written for grades 1 to 3 students only.

Students who have modified programming will have comments that outline this in the comment section.

There will be no comments on the January report cards; however, in June, comments will be the same as past years.

## Message from Mr. Oren

Our Latke Lunch was a successful event. Our grade 5 students performed and shared their talents along with the grade 9 students and Har Vagai pen pals. We lit the Menorah, sang Hanukkah songs, and enjoyed the warm hospitality of our parent's association who brought the taste of the holiday.

Har Vagai pen pals and Morah Moral, Morah Osnat and Moreh Tomer visited us during Hannukah. This is part of the P2G (Partnership Together – Shutfut program) led by the Jewish Federation of Calgary, Har Vagai, HoGomeh and CJA schools. We toured Banff, Downtown and celebrated Hanukah's events at school and at Trinity Lodge as part of our Tikkun Olam.

We are lucky to be hosting 4 guest speakers visiting from Israel next Friday, December 14, 2018.

Amihai Bannett is the coordinator for the global School Network Partnership2Gether Unit @ JAFI (Jewish Agency for Israel - the largest Jewish non-profit organization in the world. Its mission is to "inspire Jews throughout the world to connect with their people, heritage, and land, and empower them to build a thriving Jewish future and a strong Israel). Michal Ben Dori is a JAFI Emissary for Canada.

Itamar & Noa are Israeli Shinshinim - High School graduates, who volunteered in Toronto will have workshops with our students.





### Lost and Found

Before Winter Break, we ask all parents and students to come in and take a look at our lost and found located in the grade 1 / 2 mudroom. Items left after the break will be donated.

### Grade 9 Cookbook Fundraiser

We are planning a fundraiser for our children's grade 9 class for this year's Israel trip. Our idea is to develop a CJA cookbook and we plan to have it completed in the spring. We are wanting to have representation from the whole school community. We ask every family to consider forwarding to us a family favourite recipe (or a few) - kosher style please.

Please also let us know if you or anyone you know is interested in advertising and/or sponsoring this fundraiser.

If anyone is interested in committing to pre-sales, the cookbook will sell in advance for \$25, and you can submit your attached [order form](#) to the office or email to us (see below). After the release it will be selling for \$30.

Contact us with recipes & questions:

[cjacookbook@gmail.com](mailto:cjacookbook@gmail.com)

Thanks so much,  
Melanie Trossman, Jeff Rosenblum, Kirsten Olson & Harry Sanders

### Internet Safety Parent Session

**SOCIAL NETWORKING  
AND ONLINE SAFETY  
AN EVENING  
FOR PARENTS WITH  
PAUL DAVIS**

**JANUARY 15, 2019  
6:30 PM  
CALGARY JEWISH  
ACADEMY**

TOPICS INCLUDE:  
SNAPCHAT / INSTAGRAM / FACEBOOK  
SMARTPHONES AND DIGITAL TRAILS  
CYBERBULLYING - TEXTING - SEXTING  
ONLINE GAMING & ONLINE SECURITY



ACCOUNTABILITY &  
RESPONSIBILITY IN A  
DIGITAL WORLD

## Community Information

### Nurse's Notes

Please click [here](#).

### Great Kids Award Nominations

Many young Albertans become Great Kids in the face of life challenges, such as a physical or mental illness, overcoming a difficult living situation or standing up against bullying. Despite these challenges, they inspire and change the lives of others. Does this remind you of a Great Kid you know? Consider nominating them for the 2019 Great Kids Award!

Sixteen children and youth from across Alberta will be recognized at the 2019 Great Kids Award ceremony, hosted by the Alberta government. Every nominee will receive a letter and certificate of recognition for their efforts. Award winners and their families will enjoy a night's stay at Fantasyland Hotel, a trophy from Children's Services and a prize from a corporate sponsor at an awards ceremony in spring 2019.

Consider what it would mean to a Great Kid you know to be nominated for this award. Great Kids deserve our recognition because they are examples to all of us of what can be accomplished in the face of adversity.

Learn more about previous award winners, how to nominate a Great Kid, and other information at <http://www.greatkids.alberta.ca>

### Community Education Service

Wednesday December 12

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Alberta Children's Hospital

Kinsmen Learning Centre (4th floor)

2888 Shaganappi Trail NW, Calgary

[Curious about Cannabis](#)

### Community Education Service: Recorded Sessions

The following are prerecorded sessions and are presented in the Windows Media Video (WMV) format or MP4.

Click on titles for poster

[Tech Neck](#)

[Adolescent Dating Violence: Prevalence, Correlates, Outcomes and Prevention](#)

[Marijuana and Development of the Brain](#)

[Disability Tax Credit and RDSP Workshop](#)

[Identifying Youth at Risk of Psychosis](#)

[Speaking OUT: A Special Report on LGBTQ2S+ Young People in the Child Welfare and Youth Justice Systems](#)

[Restricted Interests in Autism Spectrum Disorder \(ASD\): How do they engage the brain?](#)