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The Calgary Jewish Academy
בית הספר היהודי בקלגרי

Important Dates to Remember

Jan	15	Tue	Internet Safety Session With Paul Davis Lecture Theater 6:30PM
	17	Thur	Open House 9:30-11 AM Additional Tours 1:30-3 PM
	21	Mon	Tu BiShvat Assembly 9:30AM Led by Grade 3 Students
	23	Wed	PA Tu BiShvat Class Treats Non-Uniform Day Yiddish Weeks until Feb 7
	25	Fri	Hagigat Tu B'shvat in honour of Learning Fair
	29	Tue	N-9 Report Cards go Live for Printing
	30	Wed	Model UN Team to Boston
	31	Thur	Semester 1 Ends Classes 8:30AM-2:19 PM Student Led Conferences 4:30PM-8:30PM
Jan	28	Fri	Model UN Team to Boston
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Feb.	1	Fri	No Classes Student Led Conferences 9AM-1PM
	6	Wed	Non-Uniform Day
	7	Thur	Yiddish Weeks, Learning Fair & Science Fair 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
	14	Thur	Teachers Conv – No Classes
	15	Fri	Teachers Conv – No Classes
	18	Mon	Family Day – No School
	20	Wed	Non-Uniform Day
	26-	Tue-	Grade 6 Edmonton Trip
	28	Thurs	



A Monthly Newsletter for the friends of CJA

January 2019

Message from Head of School

We started 2019 with an amazing ski day for our grade one to nine students. We were fortunate that the weather was great and our students were able to regroup with their friends and reconnect prior to being back in the school after Winter Break. A very big thank you to the teaching team of Mr. Kouperman and Mr. Warner for organizing this day and to Ms. Steinman and Ms. Sherman for their work the days prior to the event. As well, thank you to the many staff and parent volunteers who assisted with equipment and on the hill student support. We could not have done this without all of you.

A reminder to all parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents. Do you own a digital device? Does your child or family member? Does your child have access to the internet? Do you have a gaming device in your home? If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, please attend the Paul Davis session on Tuesday, January 15th at 6:30pm. Safety, health and the impact of digital gaming on your child and the responsibility of the individual who owns the device will all be a part of this very impactful speaker. RSVP@cja.ab.ca

Going forward into 2019 we are looking forward to the possibilities that are before us. Teachers continue to work with students who are eager to take their place in the world and contribute their part to the well-being of our local, national and global communities as Jewish youth. In the coming weeks and months our students will engage in leadership opportunities at various levels and they will be embarking on leadership and mensch characteristics through the Tu B' Shuvat Assembly, UJA Campaign, Jewish National Fund, Peer Leadership Positive Playground Club, Athletics, Student Ambassadors, Mental Health team leaders, Model United Nations Competitors in Boston, MA, Science Fair Project Leaders and as Science Olympics competitors. CJA students are supported in their learning and these leadership opportunities by a very committed and professional faculty and support staff who challenge each student to be their best CJA student and individual.

With many new opportunities and programs for students this year they are thriving in an environment that assists in preparing them for their future. In their classrooms, students are being exposed to critical thinking skills, technology, design thinking, ideas, concepts and actions that stretch their imaginations and open up new ways of thinking. Your children's teachers are working with each student to enable them as a whole new generation of problem solvers and strong Jewish youth to contribute not only within the city of Calgary, but also globally. We are excited that our students will be sharing their growth and knowledge at Student Led Conferences at the end of January as we embark on a new way of sharing student growth in learning. We will also be piloting our parent digital report cards at this time. We would also like to invite all families to attend the CJA Yiddish weeks and Learning Fair Celebration on January 7th at 6:30pm.

With the continuous increase in enrolment at CJA over the past three years, we are very excited to be preparing for our registration process for the 2019-20 school year. We currently have 304 students enrolled and we are hoping to continue enrolment increases in the coming year. We will be holding our Open House for new families on January 17th. We will also be hosting our night at grade one and our Junior High Orientation evening in February. Our Early Early Registration will be due prior to March 1st and our Early Registration will be due April 2nd.

Thank you again for making CJA your choice for your child's Jewish Day School education.

Click [here](#) for School Calendar

Please click [here](#) to
RSVP or email
rsvp@cja.ab.ca

**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

Open House



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Please join us for our

Open House

Nursery (3 years) - Grade 9

Thursday, January 17th, 2019

Information Session, Classroom Visits & Tours

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Additional tours offered between
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

To confirm your attendance for the information session or a tour
please email rsvp@cja.ab.ca

To learn more about our school
and our admissions process please visit:
www.calgaryjewishacademy.com/content/admissions-process

Student Led Conferences

CJA Faculty will be hosting a second round of parent teacher interviews (Student Led Conferences) 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. There will be no comments on the January report cards; however, in June, comments will be the same as past years. 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.

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.

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

Conference Manager will be open for parents January 20th at 10:00 am to January 30th at 8:00 am to book your student led conferences with 5 teachers!

2019-2020 Registration Timeline

- March 1, 2019: Extra Early Bird Registration with an early payment discount and bingo opt-out draw
- April 2, 2019: Early Bird Registration with an early payment discount and bingo opt-out draw

Tu BiShvat Assembly

We want to invite everyone, Nursery through Grade 9 to the Tu B'Shvat celebration on Monday, January 21st at 9:30 am in the gym. Dried fruit and snacks will be provided by the PA before short recess.

Thanks and we look forward to celebrating with you.

Grade 3 team

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

Thanks so much,

Melanie Trossman, Jeff Rosenblum, Kirsten Olson & Harry Sanders

Community Information

ShabbatTogether



SAVE THE DATE!

FEBRUARY 8, 2019
A Global Shabbat of Disability Inclusion
& Mental Health Awareness

www.ShabbatTogether.com
Inclusion and Awareness for All

For more info:
403.281.3770 | friendship@chabadalberta.org

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>

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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

[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?](#)