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The Calgary Jewish Academy
בית הספר היהודי בקלגרי

Important Dates to Remember

Aug	27	Teachers in Org Day
	28-29	Teachers in PD Day
	30-31	Teachers in Org Day
Sept	3	Labour Day – School Closed
	4	First Day of Classes
	6	PA Welcome Breakfast 7:45-9AM
	7	Shofar Session – Apples and Honey
	9	Erev Rosh Hashana
	10-11	Rosh Hashana – School Closed
	12	Non-Uniform Day
	13	Meet the Teacher Night
	18	Erev Yom Kippur – Formal Uniform
	18	AM Classes Only 11:38AM Dismissal N, JK, and K 12:15PM Dismissal Grades 1-9
	19	Yom Kippur – School Closed
	24-25	Sukkot – School Closed
	26-28	Visit Sukkah
	26	Monday Schedule - Non-Uniform Day
	27	Tuesday Schedule Terry Fox Run – Non-Uniform Day
	28	Lifetouch Picture Day Visit Beth Tzedec
	30	Hoshana Rabbah



A Monthly Newsletter for the friends of CJA

Summer 2018 Parent Welcome Newsletter

Message from our Principal

Good afternoon CJA Community,

We would like to welcome you back to the 2018-19 school year and provide you with updates and information related to the first days of school. As we move into the last few weeks before school starts, we would like to up-date the community on happenings in and around the school.

Please take some time to review important dates and information regarding our upcoming school year.

Teachers will be returning to school on Monday, August 27th, 2018. Students will return to school on Tuesday, September 4th, 2018 for the full day.

Please note, there is still plenty of work going on throughout the school and we are excited to share that the kitchen upgrades are well underway and the student Nursery, JK, Kindergarten bathroom demolition and renovation upgrades have been ongoing since the second week of July. We do plan to have these bathrooms completed prior to student entry on September 4th. We have continued with classroom upgrades and painting in all Division one classrooms and we will have shiny floors and freshly cleaned carpets in every room. The summer crew have been working to have all classrooms ready for September and school start up. With the complete clearing of all rooms and detailing of each space within the school, we are requesting that you refrain from entering the school until after teachers are in August 27th. Final cleaning and preparation will take place on Sunday, August 26th. You will receive a final email prior to school start up.

Please read through all attached links for further information related to the 2018-19 school year.

Office staff will be in on Wednesday, August 22, 2018. Please contact the main office via telephone. If you require assistance at any time prior to August 26th, please email office@cja.ab.ca for support and inquiries.

We would like to welcome new faculty and staff members to our CJA team. Please welcome Miss Serena Seeger, GAIN Coordinator and Counselor. Miss Jessica Rynn, GAIN team teacher. Mr. Peter Sarro, Security and Facilities Assistant. Mr. Sarro is a former police officer, school security manager and he has many years of experience as a Director of Facilities. We are pleased that Ms. Tali Miles will be returning. Ms. Miles will be teaching Alberta Curriculum grade two with Ms. Traci Wamstecker throughout the 2018-19 school year. Mrs. Mahdieh Hossini who was with us last year will continue teaching Art Gr 1-6 and she will also be teaching one group of Kinder Arts and Discovery Day. Mrs. Dorit Gohar will be teaching with our Judaic's team and continuing in a much smaller capacity as an Educ. Assistant. Miss Shari Finkleman will also be joining the CJA Educ. Asst. team in a full time capacity. Mrs. Orly Shalev will be joining us as an Educational Assistant on half time basis in both Judaic and Alberta Curriculum in Division one. Mrs. Cindy Wolf will remain in the main office as one of our front office Administrative Assistants. We would also like to welcome Educational Asst. Heather Davidson to our GAIN support team. Heather has ten years of experience supporting students.

We are looking forward to a great year with our current and new staff members and we are looking forward to seeing students back on Tuesday, September 4th.

Welcome Day – Tuesday, September 4, 2018

The kick-off to our 2018/2019 academic year at The Calgary Jewish Academy takes place on Tuesday, September 4th. We look forward to seeing all of your friendly faces at our regular start time of 8:20 AM (until 11:38 AM for Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten students, and until 3:30 PM for Grades 1-9 students). This Welcome Day is a regular uniform day. Note that every Friday is Formal Uniform Day.

Nursery Students have received information already regarding staggered entry times.

Afternoon programs will begin on Thursday, September 6th:

- Gan Khugim (Monday—Friday) for Nursery and Junior Kindergarten students (3 and 5 day program)
- KinderArts (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) for Kindergarten students
- Discovery Days (Tuesday and Thursday) for Kindergarten students

Grade 1 to 9 Students and parents will have the opportunity to find their classrooms for the year on Tuesday morning. Students will use the morning to organize their school supplies and desks (lockers are provided for students in Grades 4-9). The morning will also give the students and teachers time to organize their classrooms, discuss personal goals, classroom rules and expectations. Grade 1–9 students are reminded to bring a lunch.

Class lists will be posted on the outside doors of the classrooms. Classroom assignments are made by administration based on recommendations provided by your child's learning team.

Important School Information

- [Attendance](#)
- [Bell Schedule](#)
- Birthdays
 - [Birthday Books](#)
 - [Birthday Treats](#)
 - [Student Social Events Policy](#)
- [Building Access](#)
- Calendar
 - [Overview Calendar](#)
 - [List Calendar](#)
 - [Month-to-Month Calendar](#)
 - [Google Calendar](#)
- [CJA Code of Conduct Information Form 2018](#)
- Food Policy
 - [Allergy Alerts](#)
 - [Kashrut Policy](#)
 - [Kosher Symbols](#)
 - [Peanut Free Choices](#)
 - [Student Lunches and Snacks](#)
- [Medical Information](#)
- [Parking and Traffic](#)
- [RenWeb](#)
- [Safety and Security](#)
- School Supplies
 - Grades 1 – 3 school supplies can be purchased for a flat rate of \$40 at CJA
 - [Grade 4](#)
 - [Grade 5](#)
 - [Grade 6](#)
 - [Junior High](#)
 - Student agendas will be supplied at no cost to all students in Grades 2-6
- Uniforms
 - [Kippot Policy](#)
 - [Uniforms for Boys in Preschool to Grade 6](#)
 - [Uniforms for Boys in Grades 7-9](#)
 - [Uniforms for Girls in Preschool to Grade 6](#)
 - [Uniforms for Girls in Grades 7-9](#)
 - [Uniform Questions](#)

Community Information

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- [CJA PA Newsletter](#)