

September 2022



Our school keeps growing and growing! We have over 600 students now, and a bigger staff than ever!

New Staff

This year we want to welcome 3 new staff members to our Cougar family.

Mrs Emilie Giroux is joining the administrative staff. She will be spending part of the day in the office as Vice Principal, and part of the day teaching grade 4.

Mrs Crystal Roberts is new to our Grade 2 team this year. We also have a familiar face, Mrs Jessica Moore, who has returned to work with all grades in a literacy support position. Joining our team of EAs is Ms Deanne Beck who will be working in Grade 1.



Breakfast Program

CG offers a grab and go Breakfast Program for any student who requires it. Students can choose from a variety of healthy options in carts located in each division hallway every morning.



Upcomming Dates

Sep 16 - No School for students - PLF
Sep 20 - Parent Council AGM
Sep 21 - Gr 5 Tornado Hunter Pres.
Sep 22 - School Family BBQ
Sep 23 - Terry Fox Run/Walk
Sep 27 - Inclusion Advisory Committee
Sep 30 - No School Truth and Reconciliation Day



Communication

There are many ways to keep up-to-date with what is going on at Christina Gordon. You are invited to connect with us on our school's facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ChristinaGordonPublicSchool>

Lunch Drop Offs

Parents who wish to drop off lunches for their child during the school day are asked to do so prior to 12:30. A trolley is provided at the main entrance where you will place the lunch with your child's name and class. The office will call these students to the office at 12:30 to pick up their lunch.

We are unable to accept lunches delivered by a food delivery service such as Skip the Dishes, DoorDash or any Restaurant/Fast Food delivery.



Hot Lunch

Our amazing Fundraising Association has already been meeting to discuss the hot lunch program for this year, which will run twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning on October 11th. They have put together an impressive list of vendors to offer a variety of choices, and ordering will shift back to online this year. More information on ordering coming soon!

Visitors and Volunteers

The safety of our students and staff is our number one priority. With the exception of school staff, all visitors and volunteers in the school MUST, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, check in at the main office and be given a Visitor / Volunteer pass lanyard that must be worn. Anyone in the school without such a pass will be asked to leave immediately or report to the main office.

Entry to the building for visitors / volunteers must be through the main entrance only. Other exits and entrances remain locked and are for the use of staff and students only.

All parent volunteers at our school require an updated criminal record check on file before you can volunteer at the school. We can provide letters of support to expedite the application. We also ask that a Volunteer Application form be completed. This is available at the school's Main Office



School Gear

For those of you who wish to purchase school clothes to show off your cougar spirit, you can order online at <https://christinagordon.entripyshops.com> There are a variety of items to choose from, including a student version of this year's staff rainbow logo.



Terry Fox Walk

CG will be taking part in the annual Terry Fox walk on Sep 23rd. We encourage all students to donate a "toonie fo Tery" at our online fundraising page: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/5127>

Extra-curricular

With the lifting of restrictions, our staff is once again looking forward to offering a variety of after-school clubs, sports and extra-curricular activities. Keep an eye on our social media and your teacher's newsletters as more information becomes available!

Bell Times

Grades 1-6

8:35 am 1st bell

8:40 am Classes start

10:45 am - Morning recess

12:30 pm - Div 1 lunch / Div 2 recess

12:55 pm - Div 1 recess / Div 2 lunch

1:15 pm - 1st afternoon bell

1:20 pm - Afternoon classes begin

3:15 pm Dismissal

Early Learning

8:40 am Morning classes start

11:25 am Morning classes dismiss

12:30 pm Afternoon classes start

3:15 pm Afternoon classes dismiss



Allergies/Nut Aware

Due to student and staff allergies, we ask that students and staff do not bring nut products or products that may contain nuts to school. Classroom teachers will inform parents in cases where other allergies are present in their classrooms

Reporting Absences

To report a student absence, please call the school office at 587-276-2017 or email cgabsences@fmprsd.ab.ca, preferably before school starts. Please include the full name of the child, their grade, and a specific reason for their absence. This is a requirement of Alberta Education.



New Playground

We are excited that construction has begun on our new inclusive playground. It will feature new equipment designed to be accessible to students with a range of exceptionalities. Expected completion is late Sep - early Oct.

