

March 16, 2017

Dear Parents,

It's Registration Time!

The school is busy hosting open house events and registering new and continuing students for school year 2017-18. We are striving for "full capacity" of 600 girls.

We are delighted that you chose the all-girls and all-for-girls learning environment unique to the Calgary Girls' School. As a program of choice, CGS offers many enrichment opportunities that parent's value for their daughters.

While you are in the process of registering, it is helpful to know the fees and availability of subsidies for the upcoming year. A fee summary table and the link to the subsidy form are on the attachment to this letter. You will be pleased to note that fees remain the same this coming year except for a modest increase in transportation that reflects our new contract with First Student.

We worked hard to keep the cost per ride very comparable to City Transit which is \$ 2.25/ride (youth pass) while ours is \$2.28/ride. Nevertheless, we realize the annual cost is significant. The opportunity for monthly payments, following an initial deposit, will make this a more manageable fee for parents.

I want to draw attention to the Enrichment Fee which represents the cost-recovery amount for numerous field trips, events, excursions, special speakers and experts, graduation ceremony, as well as tickets for choir and band concerts. This one fee, based on the average over the past three years, covers the extras that enrich classroom learning. Please note that camps and band tours (if applicable) are not included as these distort the average.

We believe parents will appreciate knowing upfront the total costs and the "one-ask" approach for the various enrichment events over the year. We anticipate significant costs savings for Chase payment fees and the accounting associated with numerous small entries. The anticipated savings were factored into the Enrichment Fee.

The fee information will soon be updated in Family Zone. Please feel welcome to ask questions or share your comments with us at Dianne.mcbeth@calgarygirlsschool.com

Regards,



Dianne McBeth, Superintendent

Cc: Judi Hadden, Principal
Wendy Juergens, Secretary-Treasurer

Annotated School Fees Schedule 2017-18

Fee Type	Amount by Grade	Previous Year	Due Date
<p>Instructional Resources</p> <p>Includes all materials & supplies for student use & off campus PE. That's correct – you won't have a "supply list" of items like notebooks, paper, glue sticks, etc. to purchase in the fall. Everything your daughter needs is included in this fee.</p>	<p>\$115 (grades 4 & 5) \$135 (grade 6) \$170 (grade 7-9)</p>	No Change	<p>September 1, 2017</p> <p>This fee is no longer due at registration.</p>
<p>CGS Technology Fee</p> <p>Includes iPad (plus case), laptop (Apple Care coverage), all software, apps, tech support.</p> <p>Note: Depreciation of CGS owned devices accrues to the parents. Subject to continuous enrolment conditions, devices will be assigned to students and there is no buy-out as per the previous leases.</p>	<p>\$300 (iPad grades 4-5) \$150 (keyboard; student now owns iPad grade 6) \$410 (laptop grades 7-8) \$150 (grade 9 – student now owns device)</p>	No Change	<p>September 1, 2017</p> <p>A non-refundable deposit of \$150 is due at registration as devices must be ordered before the end of June.</p>
<p>Transportation Fee</p> <p>Fees are based on the difference between funding and costs. Only 30% of transportation costs are funded by AB Education. CGS plans for a break- even transportation budget.</p>	\$815	<p style="text-align: center;">Change</p> <p>2.5% increase in contracted service & fuel over base costs</p>	<p>Annual Fee: Monthly Payment</p> <p>Deposit \$140 due September 1 with 9 monthly payments of \$75 commencing October 1, 2017–June 1, 2018</p>
<p>Enrichment Fee</p> <p>Replaces all "extra" fees throughout the year for field trips, events, speakers, etc. Does not include camps and band tour. These don't apply to all or nearly all students and thus distort the average.</p>	\$75 (Grades 4-9)	<p style="text-align: center;">Change in Format</p> <p>The cost-recovery calculation is the three-year average for the past three years.</p>	<p>September 1, 2017</p>
<p>Lunchroom Monitor</p> <p>(set by the external service provider POOSCA but included here for information)</p>	\$165 (grades 4-9)	No Change	<p>September 1, 2017</p>

- Link to Fee Subsidy Form: <http://calgarygirlsschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/School-Fee-Subsidy-Guidelines-and-Form.pdf>
- Need a payment plan? Contact the school's main office. Speak to Laurie. (Transportation is already set up for monthly payments).
- Details on CGS One-to-One Technology (see AP 507): <http://calgarygirlsschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/500-Business-Administration-CGS-April-06-2017.pdf>