



August 30, 2018

On behalf of the entire Calgary Girls' School staff we'd like to welcome families to the 2018-19 school year. To our returning families, we look forward to having you back. To families new to CGS, we look forward to welcoming you into the CGS community. In supporting a smooth transition back to school, the following information can be helpful.

**Class Assignments:** On the afternoon of Friday, August 31st, homeroom teachers of each student will send out a welcome email introducing themselves to your family. The email will provide important information students will need for their first day including teacher and classroom assignment as well as any other pertinent information that teachers may wish to share. There will be plenty of teachers around hallways to support anybody that might need assistance in finding their way. This communication from teachers will remind students that the first day back will be a formal uniform day.

Information about uniform can be found at <http://calgarygirlsschool.com/updates/uniform/>

**First Day of School for Students:** Tuesday, September 4th. School begins at 8:40 AM for both campuses, with a dismissal time of 2:55 PM at the Bel Aire campus and 3:00 PM at the Lakeview campus.

**Transportation:** An email was sent to all registered families on Thursday, August 30th, with an update on transportation routes and pick-up / drop-off times. For timely updates regarding bus routes, be sure to check the CGS website or register with the My School Bus (First Student) app found at the App Store. Please remember to be ready at your route stop no less than 5 minutes before the expected pick up time.

Please note, buses may not be running exactly on time during these first few days as the return to school means a significant influx of traffic on Calgary roads. We appreciate your patience as we work to get our bus routes running smoothly.

**Options:** We are happy to once again offer a broad range of options for students in grades 7-9. Please watch for an email on the morning of Friday, August 31st outlining the selection process that will take place on September 4th for grade 8 and 9 students, and September 5th for grade 7 students.

**Parent Teacher Interviews:** Our first round of parent teacher interviews will take place on the evening of Thursday, September 13th and the morning of Friday, September 14th. Booking information will be shared prior to the date.

**Social Media:** Please follow the Calgary Girls' School on Twitter for the latest community updates or visit our website.

**Family Zone:** Family Zone is a portal found on the CGS website for student information, fee payment, and field trip approval. It is important that families go through their personal and contact information in Family Zone and update all addresses, phone numbers, and emergency contacts. Please take a minute to make sure that your contact information is current.



Please note - family responses regarding consent for Human Sexuality were not logged through Family Zone in the spring. As a result, upon a future login families will be prompted to indicate consent for Human Sexuality. We apologize for any inconvenience.

**Attendance:** Please make sure to notify the office at [office@calgarygirlsschool.com](mailto:office@calgarygirlsschool.com) and cc the homeroom teacher when students are going to be late or absent.

We are looking forward to another exciting school year. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any questions. Enjoy these final days of summer and we will see you soon.

Leadership Team

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