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Important Dates

School Dates

January 30, 2026

NID – No Classes

School Council Dates

January 20, 2026

February 17, 2026

March 17, 2026

April 21, 2026

May 19, 2026

June 16, 2026

Notes from Administration

Please continue to monitor your health this fall. Do not come to school if you are ill.

Attendance

When reporting student attendance issues, including lates, absences and leave early, please call the **Attendance Line at 403-777-7360 and press extension 1**. Remember to spell the last name of the student and leave the reason for the absence, late or leave early.

ADMINISTRATION & STUDENT SERVICES

At Ian Bazalgette school, we have many resources to ensure that your student is supported for best success.

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ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

School Athletics

Thank you to all students who came out for tryouts this week. All teams will be having a second tryout for selecting students next week.

Monday

Sr. Girls Second Tryout

Tuesday

Sr. Boys Second Tryout

Wednesday

Jr. Girls Second Tryout

Thursday

Jr. Boys Second Tryout

School Athletics Expectations

With many sports about to begin seasons of play, we wanted to remind parents and guardians and students about our spectator expectations.

[Spectator Expectations](#)

HOME GAMES

- Students must leave the school at the regular dismissal time of 2:30 pm (or 12:05 pm on a Friday) and not return until 20 minutes before the scheduled start of a game. Student athletes will be told by their coach when they are to enter the building prior to games, but it is typically 30-45 minutes prior to game start.
- Students are welcome to come to 4:30 pm games by themselves but they must have a parent or guardian present with them for games held 6:30 pm or later.
- Stay on the spectator side of the gymnasium or field of play. Do not go onto the court or field at anytime.
- Only assigned scorekeepers are allowed at the score table.
- When inside the school remain in the designated areas of the school, and only use the designated washrooms.
- Leave immediately at the conclusion of the last game of the evening.
- Be aware that staff are required to remain on site until everyone has left the building or field of play.
- Administration has the right to remove any parties from a school for any reason deemed necessary to keep a Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning and Work Environment.

AWAY GAMES

- Bazalgette students who wish to attend a game hosted by another school **MUST** be under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian.
- Remember that you are representing our Learning Community. Behave respectfully. Be supportive (use appropriate language, avoid trash talking opponents and/or referees, etc.) and clean up after yourself.
- Follow all directions provided by the host school.
- Leave immediately at the conclusion of the game.
- Host school staff are also required to remain on site until everyone has left the building.
- Administration has the right to remove any parties from a school for any reason deemed necessary to keep a Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning and Work Environment.

Reminders from our student athletes:

- I am a kid
- It's just a game
- My coach is a teacher who has volunteered to coach or an outside volunteer from the community
- The officials are human
- Be a supportive fan, and not an unreasonable fanatic

BUSING & TRANSPORTATION

Fall Transportation News

Schools do not plan or run transportation. It is centralized through our main board office.

<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/busing-and-transportation/Pages/default.aspx>

Bus Route and Stops

School bus stops and the route are posted in [MyCBE](#) when your registration has been processed.

2025-26 Transportation Registration Ongoing

[Register for Transportation in MyCBE](#)

CBE Transportation continues to accept registration after the deadline; however, students are added to the closest existing stop with available space. Processing times could be up to four weeks at the beginning of the school year due to volume. Families are responsible for transportation until their registration is confirmed.

Eligibility

General

General transportation (big yellow school bus) is available to students who:

- Attend their designated school, and
- Live beyond the school walk zone, and
- Are assigned to general transportation as their mode

All high school students and some Grade 6 to 9 students are designated to [Calgary Transit](#).

For the purpose of transportation, only the student's primary address in our student information system will be used to establish eligibility.

Specialized

Specialized transportation (small yellow school bus) is available to students who:

- Attend their designated school for their specialized program, system class, or unique setting, and
- Are assigned to specialized transportation as their mode; or
- Students with mobility challenges who have been assigned to specialized transportation

Many students from Grade 7 to 12 who are in specialized programs are designated to [Calgary Transit](#)



PERSONAL MOBILE DEVICES & LOCKERS

Personal Mobile Device & Social Media Use in Schools

Alberta Education requires all K-12 schools to limit personal mobile device use during instructional time and restrict social media access on school networks/devices. CBE cares about the mental health and well-being of students. Restricting access to personal mobile devices and social media is expected to improve student achievement and learning outcomes. CBE strongly recommends students simply leave their devices at home, because in most cases, personal mobile devices are not needed to support student learning.

For students in kindergarten to Grade 9, CBE will use 'away for the day' guidelines. Personal mobile devices brought to school including cell phones, tablets, gaming devices, laptops, smart watches, Bluetooth speakers/headphones or any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate with or access the internet must be powered off or set in silent mode and stored out of sight in student lockers or backpacks for the duration of the school day.

If a student is found to be using a personal mobile device in class without permission from the teacher, the CBE will work with the student to ensure the rules are understood. We rely on good communication and other existing processes to ensure students know what is expected. When necessary, schools will use a [progressive student discipline](#) approach in working with students.

These rules apply to all students, with exceptions for students using devices for health and medical needs, to support specialized learning needs and for educational purposes.

For students who require access to a personal mobile device for health and medical needs, it is advised that parents complete and submit a [Student Health Plan](#) as soon as possible or contact Mrs. Tanya Miller in student services.

For students who require access to a personal mobile device to support an identified educational need, families should contact the school to discuss this being included as an accommodation or support in the student's individual program plan (IPP).

For English as an Additional Language Learners who require access to a personal mobile device, a new PMD Exception form will be approved by School Administration in conversation with parents/guardians.

Consequences for Inappropriate Use

Students are expected to follow Administrative Regulation 6005: Student Code of Conduct. Students who refuse may be subject to Administrative Regulation 6006: Progressive Student Discipline.

First Incident: Verbal Warning

Student is reminded of the expectations regarding responsible use of Personal Mobile Devices and/or social media.

Second Incident: Confiscation and Parent/Guardian Informed

Student will turn in the mobile device to the teacher, who will call an Assistant Principal to come and meet the student to discuss the matter and take then take the device to the office. It will be returned to the student at the end of the school day. Parent/guardian is informed by the teacher.

Third Incident: Confiscation and Parent/Guardian Involvement

Student will turn in the mobile device directly to the office. Phone will only be available for pick-up by parent. An Administrator will contact the parents/guardians to inform them of the repeated infraction.

Fourth Incident: Loss of Privileges

Student will not bring the mobile device to school or will turn it into the office at the beginning of day and retrieve it when they leave for the day.

Lockers

Locker distribution is completed. If student does not have a locker they must approach their homeroom teacher.

HONOURING INDIGENOUS WAYS OF KNOWING, BEING, & DOING



Ian Bazalgette Staff acknowledges and supports the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Calls to Action

Our actions will include but are not limited to the following:

- We will offer a locally developed course for all students that focusses on understanding and learning about the cultures and ways of our Indigenous people. Details to come soon.

- We will continue to use authentic resources such as knowledge keepers, Indigenous artefacts and learning from the land to assist in understanding stories that are essential in moving the reconciliation process forward.
- We will continue to offer professional development for staff and involve them in the conversation as we know the work is not only that of teachers, but the entire learning community.
- We will continue to have student voice present in the school, and it will be visible where we can all appreciate the varied and enriching stories, we all bring to learning.
- We commit to making relatives, honouring Indigenous Knowledges, and deepening our connections to land and place through the spirit of the drum.

On Smudging

Smudge is a traditional practice shared by Indigenous cultures across Na'a (Mother Earth in Blackfoot). Every nation has their own protocols and teachings regarding the practice of smudge. Smudge is a land-based ceremony rooted in the practice of acknowledging all relatives and reinforcing connection with Creator; it is a cleansing practice that sets the space for truth-telling (Alberta Recreation & Parks Association, 2020).

In Treaty 7 territory, smudge typically involves burning a small piece of dried medicine such as sage, sweetgrass or cedar inside a fire-proof container, such as a cast-iron dish or abalone shell. According to Dr. Elder Reg Crowshoe, smudge serves as a "call to order" (Alberta Recreation & Parks Association, 2020). In our learning context, smudge serves in a similar manner to the school bell that heralds classroom teaching. At Ian Bazalgette, smudge is offered every morning before school in the Indigenous Learning Space.

Participation in smudging is optional.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

One of the most important ways you can make a meaningful difference in the lives of Ian Bazalgette School students is by participating in our school council. By connecting with our students, schools, and community, we can work together to support and enhance student learning. Meetings occur once a month on a Tuesday evening at 5:15 pm. Moreover, the meetings are most often in person with occasional online meetings if required. If you are interested in being a member of the school council, please email smpike@cbe.ab.ca.

Please see School Council dates on front page of this newsletter.

STUDENT PHOTOS/ID

Photo. retakes have been confirmed and scheduled for Dec. 3, 2025.

STUDENT SERVICES

City of Calgary Youth Hiring Fair 2026

Youth ages 15-24 are invited to attend the Youth Hiring Fair. Hosted by YEC, this free event welcomes 80 employers and over 5000 job seeker.

When: Thursday March 26th from 1:30-6pm

The Big Four Building, 1801 Big Four Trail SE Stampede Park

More information: <https://www.calgary.ca/social-services/youth/hiring-fair.html>

Family Supports

Calgary Urban Project Society (CUPS)

phone | 403-221-8780

email | info@cupscalgary.com

website | <https://www.cupscalgary.com/programs-services/social-support/family-development-centre>

- Free Parenting Programs/Education for families (mainly with children 0-5 years). Family Resource Centre on premises that can provide resources and referrals.

Children's Link Society

phone | 403-230-9158

email | info@childrenslink.ca

- Provides resources, childcare information, parent-to-parent connections and hope to families and professionals who care for and work with children and youth with special needs from birth to age 21.

Closer to Home

phone | 403-543-0550

email | reception@closerhome.com

- Programs available: Early Intervention and Prevention, In-Home Family Support, Indigenous Services, Foster Care, Group Care

Families Matter

phone | 403-205-5178

email | info@familiesmatter.ca

- Provides parenting education resulting in healthy child development and confident and competent parents who are connected within their communities. Programs available: Family Mental Health, Parenting Programs, Professional Development and other services.

Family Resource Networks (FRN)

website | <https://www.alberta.ca/family-resource-networks>

- Website will assist locating the community location. FRN offers various types of parenting support, free of charge, can make referrals for Hull Services and Trellis parenting and family support programs.

Hull Services

website | <https://hullservices.ca/services/community-parenting-education-program/>

- Community Parent Education program for parents of children ages 5 to 12 to learn new parenting skills and strategies. Typical program runs for 8 to 10 weeks.

McMann Calgary

website | <https://mcmancalgary.ca/fdp/>

- Family Development Program individualizing in home support to families with up to the age of 18 to enhance parenting skills and improve family relationships

Navigate for Kids

<https://navigateforkids.com/>

This web application was created to help parents, guardians, educators, and professionals find support specific to the child's needs. Families must have an active FSCD (Family Support for Children with Disabilities) contract to access these resources as the programs presented work directly with FSCD using available funding.

Resources for Newcomers

Calgary Bridge Foundation for Youth (CBFY)

website | <https://cbfy.ca/>

- Offers supports and programming for immigrant and refugee youth, settlement support and knowledge of cultural norms.



CBFY - Supporting Immigrant and Refugee Students in Schools

Your donation helps CBFY provide services to immigrant or refugee children and youth. Through in-school placement and settlement programs, afterschool programs, and post-secondary preparations, CBFY makes the transition to life in Calgary easier. We focus on building a community, encouraging leadership and academic success and providing support to families adapting to their new life in

cbfy.ca

Calgary Catholic Immigration Society (CCIS)

phone | 403-262-2006

email | contact@ccisab.ca

- Programs available to immigrants and refugees: Business Employment & Training, Community Development and Integration Services, Family and Children Services, and Resettlement and Integration Services.

Calgary Immigrant Women's Association (CIWA)

phone | 403-263-4414

reception@ciwa-online.com

- CIWA offers services for immigrant and refugee women, youth, children and families. Programs available: Career Services, Family Services, Language Training and Childcare, Settlement and Integration, Workplace Services

Centre for Newcomers (CFN)

phone | 403-569-3325

email | info@centrefornewcomers.ca

- Programs Available: Settlement Services, Youth Programs, English Language Program, Jobs and Career Planning and Assistance, Multicultural Peer Mentorship for Professionals, Canadian Business Essentials for Accounts, Ethnicity Catering Training Program, Childcare, Volunteering Experiences and Opportunities.

Immigrant Services Calgary

phone | 403-265-1120

email | info@immigrantservicescalgary.ca

- Programs Available: Settlement and Integration, English Testing/Education, Translation and Interpretation Services, Employment Support, Children/Adult and Senior Programs, Family Support and Counselling

VAPING

Smoking, including the use of vape and its paraphernalia is strictly prohibited on public grounds. Any student found to be smoking or vaping on school grounds may be suspended and may potentially receive a bylaw ticket from Calgary Police Services.

VOLUNTEER POLICE CLEARANCE

To maintain the integrity of the CBE volunteer database and prevent it from becoming overpopulated, applicants are to process their PIC within a 60-day timeframe. Volunteers must apply either online with the Calgary Police Service or in person with a police agency within 60 days of the date of the CBE issued volunteer school letter. Volunteers who do not apply within 60 days will be deleted from the CBE Volunteer Security Clearance Process database and the volunteer will be required to reapply.

Volunteers

All volunteers require valid CPS Clearance. Once cleared, volunteers are good for 5 years.

The process is as follows:

- Submit a completed Annual Volunteer Registration Form to the school.
- The information is then entered into the CBE Volunteer Security Clearance Process database by the school.
- A ePIC CBE issued volunteer school letter*is generated.
- The volunteer then takes this ePIC CBE issued volunteer school letter and goes online to the CPS Electronic Service's Electronic Police Information Check and completes the online application, making sure to share their clearance with the CBE as part of the process. You have a 60-day timeframe.
- The volunteer will receive an email notice of receipt of their application for clearance from the CPS.
- Several weeks will pass, and the CPS will send a confirmation letter on CPS Letterhead that a Vulnerable Sector Search has been completed and there is no further information to disclose.

We want to make sure to educate our parents about his process. Many of our new parents are still in various stages of "being processed", having one or more of the steps 3-7 not being attended to or completed. Until your status indicates "cleared" in the CBE Volunteer Security database, you cannot volunteer at the school.

For your current school to check the CBE volunteer database to see if you have valid police clearance, or to add you to the school's list of volunteers, we require their **full legal name & birthdate, including year born**.

*Note: the CBE issued volunteer school letter is not your clearance letter.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN... ?

Research on best adolescent learning has shown importance must be given to creating curricular learning tasks that bring independent ideas and facts together under larger unified concepts - showing how what we learn applies to the world. This year, like last year, we will be using *Niitsitapi* values (Blackfoot Nation; Piikani, Kainai, Siksika) as guiding thoughts. These big ideas include being aware of the environment through observation, that our universe often contains balance, and that we should aim to transfer what we know to others. Our concept this year is

Pommotsiisinni | To **transfer** something to others

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Grade 7

Writing: This week students will be learning about the tradition of oral storytelling and story robes. They will also be creating and then presenting their own stories.

Reading - Grade seven students will continue to work on reading comprehension and vocabulary development activities.

Grade 8

Writing - Students will be focusing on perspective writing this week. Students have researched a fairy tale and will be rewriting the story from a different character's point of view.

Reading - Grade eight students will continue to work on reading comprehension and vocabulary development activities.

Grade 9

Writing - Students will continue to work on supporting paragraphs of an explanatory essay and will be supported by flow charts to help with structuring and graphic organizers for managing content. Table discussion of peers regarding content for supporting paragraphs will precede writing. Students will fill in graphic organizers as a table group and then work individually on writing each paragraph.

Reading – Grade nine students will work on reading comprehension tasks such as providing evidence-based responses. They will also continue to work on a vocabulary development project.

MATHEMATICS

Math 7

Students will continue practicing combined transformations, including translations, reflections, and rotations. As a reminder, additional support is available—math tutorials are offered in Room 202 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch.

Math 8:

Students will calculate percent change and percent of a percent through word problems. They will continue strengthening their understanding of fractions, decimals, and percents, including working with values greater than 100 and less than 1. Please remind students to bring a calculator to math class for this unit. For students who would like extra practice or support, math tutorials are available in Room 202 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch.

Math 9:

Students will continue solving algebraic equations with increasing complexity and will begin applying these skills to word problems. For extra help or review, students are welcome to attend math tutorials in Room 202 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch.

SCIENCE

Tall Ship Sailing April 2026

We are excited to announce a once in a lifetime opportunity to sail the Gulf Islands (east of Vancouver Island) on a tall sail ship April 20-24, 2026, with students flying into and out of Victoria, BC. This trip is designated for all grade 8 and 9 students at Baz. If you are interested in attending, please send an email to marwebster@cbe.ab.ca for further information or to confirm your spot on the trip.

Science 7

Students learned about thermal energy, heat, and temperature in connection with technological devices such as heating or cooling systems. This week, students will focus on the particle model of matter while continuing to explore thermal energy, heat, and temperature.

Science 8

Students will be investigating different parts and functions of the compound microscope. Students will enforce their understanding of the microscope



and procedures to using it through a lab activity. They will be analyzing various specimens with different magnification powers. Later in the week, students will be introduced to plant and animal cells and learn about organelles inside the cells that help the cell function.

Science 9

Grade 9 science students will be closing their chemistry unit with some review activities and a unit exam. They are also working on spelling out something personal to them (a song, a musical artist, a food, a video game etc.) using atomic symbols. We are excited to start our unit exploring electricity and electrical systems the week after next.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Grade 7

Students are currently learning about the early European presence in North America. This week students will be watching and analyzing the animated science fiction film *The Wild Robot*. They will then discuss using the M Mi'kmaw's *Two-Eyed Seeing Approach* in relations to early European colonization of North America.

Grade 8

Grade eight students will watch and analyze the movie *As Ever* and then discuss the historical accuracies related to the Renaissance. They will also be completing notes on aspects of this period in history. They will end the week working on a brochure project about Italian city-states.. Students will be asked to choose one of the three cities (Florence, Venice or Genoa) and create an informative brochure through the lens of the seven worldviews.

Grade 9

Grade nine students will begin a course of studies this month on the topic of *Fundamental and Collective Rights as Canadians*. The main learning activity for the week is that in groups, students will be asked to choose a fundamental freedom of interest and create an information poster to present to their peers.

COMPLIMENTARY COURSES

What's happening in Art

Gr. 7



This week in art class, students will continue to learn foundational skills and techniques using clay in the process of creating ceramics. Last week brought avocados, lemons and planning a ceramics project around the theme: "Something is wrong" where a normal object turns a little bit uncanny through creative and unique twists.

Gr. 8-9

This week, artists will begin to bring their ideas to life, scoring, slipping and building their way to amazingly strange and wonderful ceramics creations.

What's happening in Construction

Grade 7s are continuing to work on their decorative animal project, students have chosen from a variety of animal templates to create 2-D and 3-D decorations.

Grade 8s are now beginning to work on their individual design and creating projects. These range from projects like pens, to bowls, and even chess boards.

Grade 9s are now beginning to work on their individual design and creating projects. These range from projects like pens, to bowls, and even chess boards.

What's happening in Communication Tech

Students wrapped up their photography unit with a still life project. Over the next few weeks, students will learn about advertising techniques through visual ads and commercials. Students will focus on how to persuade or convince a target audience to buy a specific product by applying these techniques. Some techniques we will explore include emotions, music, celebrity endorsement, promotions, and slogans.

What's happening in Computer Science?

Students will begin new assigned work regarding e-coding this week.

What's happening in Fashion

Students will continue presenting their sustainable environment fashion to the class.

What's happening in Foods?

Wishing all of you a strong start to 2026! Set the bar high for yourself and achieve it.

This week in Foods, students made their own Naan Pizza. I have been raised to have the "waste not, want not" mentality, so over the next couple of weeks, we will be using up ingredients in the room to complement our cooking.

Overall students did a great job, and they enjoyed their pizza creations.

What's happening in French

In French 7 and 9, students are learning about French-speaking countries and cultures around the world. Using short, simple sentences, students will research and describe features of one Francophone country of their choice. Information may include:

- the flag
- location
- population
- typical foods
- activities

Leadership

Leadership: Students will assist with clearing the school of festive lights before moving on to planning for next school spirit events.

What's happening in Music

Music: Students are continuing to practice percussion instruments and guitar.

What's happening in NIIHIYIYAT

Pronunciation: nee-hee-yee-yah

'Niihiyyat' derives from the Tsuut'ina language and translates to 'Guide Us' in English. The Tsuu'tina language is a district variation of the Dene language family.

Students will be guided by land-based literacies, experiential learning, teacher instruction, online exploration and community partners (Elders, Knowledge Keepers, mentors and other experts in related fields).

Through holistic, student-centered, multimodal and strength-based instruction, students will be invited to demonstrate their learning in a variety of ways, such as storytelling, songs, oral presentations, visual presentations, performance, writing or digital representations, and cultural and expressive arts.

Learning through the Niihiyyat course will be enriched when the four seasonal quarters are applied to explore and engage in learning.

What's happening in Training for Excellence

Continuation of sports training activities. We will continue to go outdoors when possible, so please come with cold weather clothing and appropriate footwear, NOT sandals or open toe footwear of any kind. Remember to wear winter clothing.

On days when the weather is too cold/snowy, we will be doing indoors activities and moving our focus to studying muscle groups and their relationships to movements/ activities.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & INTRAMURALS

P.E.

Physical Education classes will be indoors. Classes will focus on volleyball and other games and activities that develop similar skills.

Intramurals

Morning Gym: 7:20 am daily

Monday:

Grade 7 Open Gym

Tuesday:

Grade 8 Open Gym

Wednesday:

Women's Wednesday

Thursday:

Grade 9 Open Gym

