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Weekly Message | Sept. 29 - Oct. 3

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School Dates

September 29

- NID (No Classes)

September 30

- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

October 13

- Thanksgiving Day
- No Classes

October 20

- NID (No Classes)
- Municipal Election

School Council Dates

Oct. 21, 2025

November 18, 2025

December 16, 2025

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

Wednesday

Junior Boys Basketball Away Games @ Dr. Egbert

Senior Boys Basketball Away Games @ Dr Higgins

Thursday

Boys Soccer Home Game - 4:00

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

Lockers will be distributed in a staggered manner through grade groupings in the first week of October. At the time locks are distributed, we will spend some time learning how to open a combination lock, since this may be new to many students because of the period without locks during the Covid restrictions.

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 on our school council. By connecting 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

Our photography partners at Lifetouch will be taking student photo. retakes on November 3, 2025. Those students and staff that did not have a picture taken on September 18, 2025, will have the opportunity to have photos. taken at this time as well.

STUDENT SREVICES

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@closerthome.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

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 will 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 the 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 this 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: Students this week will work on an expository writing unit. They will continue to work on the paragraph structure, complete with punctuation and capitalization lessons. Students will also participate in activities that contribute to vocabulary development.

Reading: They will continue to work on reading comprehension, as students explore different strategies that will help them interact with different texts and provide strong evidence-based responses.

Grade 8

Writing: Grade eight students will continue to work on expository essays, specifically reviewing sentence types and learning how to plan an explanatory paragraph with a topic sentence and evidence in supporting detail sentences.

Reading: Students will continue to work on reading comprehension, as students explore different strategies that will help them make sense of different texts and provide strong evidence-based responses. Some classes will complete the read-aloud of the novel *Ghost*, and students are expected to complete a brief author spotlight on the author Jason Reynolds. While listening to the read-aloud, students will also complete a creative one-pager about the book. This will build on their understanding, as they launch their own book clubs and analysis project, which begins in early October.

Grade 9

Writing: Grade nine students will continue to work on explanatory essays. Some classes will complete a self-reflection assessment on expository writing while others complete *quick writes* in class to reflect on their own ideas about writing and answer questions without using personal pronouns to increase the formality of expository writing. Other classes will examine exemplars of explanatory essays as they focus on elements and structure of that form of writing.

Reading: Students will continue with reading comprehension practice this week. They focus on strategies that will help them make sense of different texts and provide strong evidence-based responses. This week, students will continue to focus on using strategies such as *comprehension monitoring*, *annotation* and *visualizing*.

MATHEMATICS

Math 7

This week, we reviewed the divisibility rules for 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10. Next week, we will continue our review and write the unit test on Thursday.



Math 8:

This week, we explored multiplication and division of integers using models such as integer tiles and number lines. We then moved on to the order of operations. Next week, we will continue order of operations and write the 'Integers' unit test on Thursday. If your student was absent, please refer to Google Classroom for notes, helpful videos, worksheet answer keys, and other resources.

Math 9:

This week, we continued exploring the remainder of our power rules through various learning tasks. Next week, we will have a brief review before the unit assessment on Thursday. Reminder: math tutorials are available in room 202 at lunch on Tuesday and Thursdays for all grade levels.

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 grade 9 students only. Thanks to those who were able to attend the parent information session on the 25th. For those who were not and who require additional information please email marwebster@cbe.ab.ca.

Week at a glance for science at Baz:

The *Acknowledgement of Risk Student Science Safety* form was sent home with your child in the first week of school. Please ensure this form is completed and returned to your child's science teacher as soon as possible. Your child will be unable to participate in science lab activities until this form is completed and returned. Please have your child contact their science teacher if the form is misplaced; another copy will be provided for your child.

Science 7

Students in science 7 will be reinforcing their understandings of keys concepts in interactions and ecosystems. Students will be reviewing biotic/abiotic factors of the ecosystem, continuing to explore symbiotic relationships along with investigating the basic needs of all living things.

Science 8



Students began investigating the classification of matter including types of mixtures. This week, students will continue exploring homogeneous mixtures (solutions) in greater depth through identifying solutes and solvents, and by examining factors that affect the rate of dissolving and solubility.

Science 9

Science students will continue to discuss biodiversity and interspecific relationships and will be introduced to the concepts of ecological niche, generalist species, and specialist species. We will solidify our understanding by creating a habitat on Planet-X and designing a creature with behavioral and structural adaptations to fit this environment.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Grade 7

This week, students will continue to examine concepts of cultural identity and diversity in relation to various Indigenous groups of Canada. Much of this week, however, grade seven students will be engaging in discussions on upcoming events such as Calgary's Municipal Elections. Students will begin investigating the platforms, promises, and values of the candidates. They will analyze content from campaign websites, news articles and speeches of politicians. Students will also discuss issues facing communities and roles political candidates can play in addressing them.

Grade 8

Students will continue studies on key components of historical worldviews that were held by medieval Europe. They will study in detail the social structure of the feudal system, otherwise known as feudalism. Grade eight students will also be engaging in discussions on various current newsworthy events throughout the week.

Grade 9

Students will continue studies about the federal government of Canada, discussing how the three branches work together and how politicians are elected. They will also participate in role playing activities as members of parliament, taking on the responsibilities of cabinet ministers and creating mock bills.

COMPLIMENTARY COURSES

What's happening in Art



Art students will embark on building foundational skills specific for their first project.

Grade 7/8s will work towards smoothly blending and proficiently mixing colors with oil pastels in addition to working with still life drawing to perfect their natural-scape outlines.

Grade 9s are working towards creating their own watercolour paint from organic materials from the garden.

What's happening in Construction

Safety is now completed! Students will begin working on their hand tool project. Grade 7s will be making CO2 powered cars, grade 8s will be making phone stands, and grade 9s will be working on a wooden knot puzzle.

What's happening in Communication Tech

Over the past couple of weeks, students in communication technology focused on the history of communication devices and how to be safe online. Moving forward, students will delve into a graphic design unit. Through this unit, students will learn about the principles of design. They will apply these concepts to communicate their ideas visually using images, typography, and colour.

What's happening in Computer Science?

Q: What does a baby computer call his father? Answer: Data! Bahhhaa...

Computer Science students continued working in Adobe Animate and concepts with shape and motion tweening.

Students in Computer Science also begin each class coding in either Java or Python followed by independent work in the following four areas: 3D printing, Coding, Designing and Robotics. Students will be learning how to use Adobe animate and photoshop. Students will experience guided design projects based off the processes that real-world professionals go through every day.

What's happening in Fashion

This week in Fashion Studies, students will be working on their First Day of School Outfit Design Project. Through this work, students will explore and discuss different elements of style (including colours, patterns, fabrics, and accessories) to further develop their understanding of fashion



as a form of self-expression. Students will design an outfit for themselves, someone they know, or a character of their choice, and explain why they made the design choices they did in an artist statement.

What's happening in Foods?

This week in Foods, we continued in our unit of "Baking" and we looked at different types of cookies.

Students examined 6 types of cookies, their description, uses and an example for each type of cookie. Students learned about: Bar, drop, filled, molded, fried, no-bake, pressed, ice box or refrigerator, rolled and sandwich cookies.

When you are making cookies, accurate measurement is the key. Read the recipe properly, prepare your ingredients for ease of mixing and make sure that you watch them carefully in the oven. Practice makes perfect!

In the kitchen, students made drop Chocolate Chip cookies. With this extra easy cooking lab, I observed safety, clean up, cleaning protocol and how to students work in a team. I now feel more comfortable allowing students to move on to more complicated recipes.

What's happening in French

Students in French as a Second Language 7-8-9 will build their vocabulary to include pets, numbers, colours, and nationalities. They are working on speaking in complete, simple sentences using verbs such as aimer, avoir, porter, and être to ask and answer questions about themselves.

Leadership

We will be continuing to learn about traits and qualities of leaders. Then we will be applying those leadership skills with buddy classes over at Valley View Elementary School.

What's happening in Music

We will be continuing to explore rhythm using our new Boom Whackers. We will also be learning more about how to read music.

What's happening in Niihiyiyat

Pronunciation: nee-hee-yee-yah

'Niihiyiyat' derives from the Tsuut'ina language and translates to 'Guide Us' in English. The Tsuut'ina language is a distinct 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, as a way to explore and engage in learning.

What's happening in Training for Excellence

For September, we have already begun general workouts and stretching routines, and we will be starting to include Soccer fitness and skills activities as well as starting/keeping a log of our progress towards personal goals.

In Training for Excellence in Sport this year, we will be mixing general fitness training with sports-based skills and learning. There will be some classroom time, but there will be heavy emphasis on being active every day. Students should come prepared as they would for any phys. ed. class with appropriate clothing and footwear. We may be going off site to the Southview Park exercise area, or as far as the ridge by the canal (Valleyview park) as weather allows.

Note:

The complementary courses Dance and Wildlife were collapsed, for the reasons noted in a general school communication regarding recent developments in school enrolment.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & INTRAMURALS

P.E.

Physical Education classes will continue to be held primarily outdoors. Due to the short week, students will be given the option to choose between the activities that we have covered so far this year. Please come prepared for the weather, including bringing hats, water and sunscreen, as classes will be held outside regardless of conditions.

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

