

# Grade 9 Parent Information Night

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**Welcome!**

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# About CCHS

- 200 students in Grades 7-12
- 13 teachers, 6 support staff, 3 educational assistants, & 3 custodial staff
- Core Subjects: Math, Social Studies, Science, English, Physical Education, CALM
- Complementary Subjects: Hockey, Foods, Construction, Concert Band, Fabrication, Art, Sports Medicine, Computer Technology, Digital Design, Outdoor Education, Wildlife, Psychology, Forensics, Learning Strategies, Fashion Studies, Business Studies, Criminal Justice.
- Hawk's Nest: nutrition program food available with occasional hot lunches.
- Sports: Cross-country, golf, volleyball, basketball, curling, badminton, rugby, baseball, softball, track & field.
- Student Council, Yearbook Club, Blue Team, Leadership, Games Club, GLOW.

# CHAT

CHAT stands for Community, Homework, and Tutorial

- 45 minutes each day
  - Homework, studying, and group projects
  - Seeing teachers for extra help
  - Classroom presentations, assemblies, and events
  - Building community and fostering positive relationships
- Benefits
  - ↑ work completion
  - Recognition that students have many obligations outside of school (i.e. long bus rides, chores, work, sports, etc.) and having some homework time built into their school day takes some pressure off.

# How is High School Different?

- Courses are Semestered
  - Semesters run from September - January and from February - June
  - 2 core subjects in Semester I & 2 core subjects in Semester II
  - Quicker pace, classes every day, less time to catch up if you fall behind
- Courses Count for Credits
  - Full course (core) = 5 credits
  - Half course (option) = 3 credits
  - Graduation = 100 credits by the end of Grade 12
- Courses Must Be Completed
  - You must pass a course and receive credits before being allowed to move to the next course
  - Grade 10 = 10, Grade 11 = 20, & Grade 12 = 30

# High School Diploma Requirements

- 100 credits
- 20-level Math & Science
- 30-level English & Social
- CALM & PE 10
- 10 credits for Fine Arts, CTS, Work Experience, etc.
- 10 credits at the 30-level (other than English & Social)

# CCHS Registration Guide

- High School Planning Pathways
- Course Descriptions
- Recommended Prerequisite Marks
- Alberta High School Diploma Requirements



The link to the CCHS Registration Guide may be found [here!](#)



# Learning Support

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- IPPs/ISPs
- Knowledge & Employability (K&E) Programming
- Exam Accommodations
- Classroom Tools & Supportive Technology
- Literacy & Numeracy Support
- English Language Learning Support



# Off-Campus Programming

Ginny Bergsma - [ginny.bergsma@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:ginny.bergsma@pallisersd.ab.ca)

- Work Experience
- Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP)
- Green Certificate
- Dual Credit Programs
- [www.palliseroffcampus.ca](http://www.palliseroffcampus.ca)

# Career & Academic Counselling

Jen Dobson - [jennifer.dobson@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:jennifer.dobson@pallisersd.ab.ca)

- Credit checks and course selections
- Palliser Beyond Borders online courses
- Career and post-secondary planning
- MyBlueprint & MyPass
- Scholarships



# Family School Liaison Counselor

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- Individual counseling
- Referrals to external agencies or counseling
- Small-group supports
- Classroom skill-building workshops

# Next Steps

- ❑ Complete course selection form
  - ❑ To be completed by the parent and student
  - ❑ Must have English, Math, Social, Science, CALM, and PE 10
  - ❑ Must have at least 4 options (preferably 5)
  - ❑ On track to earn 40 credits in Grade 10
- ❑ Grade 9 orientation visit in May
  - ❑ CCHS will coordinate with your school
  - ❑ In person
- ❑ First Day of School - September 5th
  - ❑ Bring your supplies
  - ❑ We'll hand out timetables at the beginning of the day
  - ❑ We'll assign lockers during your first class



# GO Course & Chromebook Program

## GO Course

- Grade 9 students will complete the GO Course (Getting Online) virtually through PBB. This course prepares students to be able to take online courses through PBB in Grade 10.

## Grade 10 Chromebook Program

- Grade 9 students will complete a series of modules focusing on Google applications during summer school. We will start the course in June and finish the first week of July.
- Once completed, students will have earned a brand new Chromebook.

These two programs will result in students earning 10 credits, giving them a nice head start as they begin high school.

Questions?

