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March 2-6

Hello C.P. Allen Students and Families:

Here is what is happening this week and the month ahead.

Students, Here's What to Expect for Gr 11 & 12 Course Selection

School Counsellors have visited semester 2 math classes during the week of February 23 where they gave students a course selection presentation and handed out course books and a course selection sheet. If a student missed this presentation or if they do not have a math class, please pick up your course book and course selection sheet in the school counselling office (Room 242).

Beginning on March 11, counsellors will again be visiting math classes to help students input their course selections for next year into PowerSchool. Students should ensure that they can log into PowerSchool prior to this week. If they are having issues with their login, they should see Ms. Lowe in the school counselling office (room 242). Students will be able to make changes to their selections by logging into PowerSchool until after March Break. At that time, course selection will be closed.

The course selection book and sheet can also be found on the main page of our website.

Late Attendance at CPA

Being late for school causes students to miss instruction, which can lead to lower grades, reduced academic performance, greater anxiety, and higher dropout rates. It also creates a disruption to the learning of the other students who have arrived on time, especially when the student arriving late interrupts a test or presentation.

CPA has been working to support students to get to class on time, as this has been identified as an issue at CPA. We have contacted Southland School Transportation to change routes so buses arrive on time. We have worked with our cafeteria to streamline bagel orders in the morning and during break. Teachers and administrators are in the hallways, ushering students to class prior to the bell. Additionally, we are asking student drivers to leave earlier as the traffic is heavier especially with the winter weather conditions. As well, if students are using Metro transit, we ask they take the earlier bus. Students intentionally taking a Metro Transit bus that arrives after the class begins will not be able to interrupt the class.

We ask parents/guardians to please talk to your student about the importance of being on time and creating good habits that will benefit their future.

Important Yearbook Information

Graduation Photos for Yearbook

Any grade 12 students who have had their graduation photo taken outside of the school should upload their photo to be included in the yearbook here -> <https://linktr.ee/cpayearbook26>

Graduation Photo Sessions – Due March 9

Due to weather conditions and the rescheduling of exams, grad photo retakes have been moved to March 9th, 10th, and 11th. **If you have already booked a retake appointment, please note that you will need to visit the website and rebook your time.**

[Book or rebook your session here.](#)

Alternatively, you may contact the studio directly to book a session at their location. If you choose to book directly with the studio, please ensure your appointment is scheduled before March 9th in order for your photo to be included in the yearbook.

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Co-op Program at CPA

Students who are interested in taking the Co-op Program at CPA in 2026/2027, application forms are available in the school counselling office (room 242). Interested in learning more about co-op? [Check out our website for more information.](#)

CPA Student Council

- Trivia Night – Students, are you ready for amazing trivia and the chance to win prizes? Student Council is organizing a student Trivia night for March 12. Come out and have some fun. Registration is free!
- A 44-year CPA tradition, Rootbeer Fest, will be taking place on March 26. Come out and see some unforgettable talent in our students. Admission is free and so are the root-beer floats.

Responding to Technology-Facilitated Harms Among Young People

Unplugged Canada is hosting a free community event at the Canada Games Centre on Thursday March 5 at 7 p.m., available both in person and virtually. Join to learn from Dr. Alexa Dodge, Assistant Professor of Criminology at Saint Mary's University and a leading Canadian researcher on technology-facilitated sexual violence.

Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 7 p.m.

Canada Games Centre Boardroom - 26 Thomas Raddall Drive, Halifax

Please register for in-person or virtual [here](#).

Safer Internet Day 2026: Navigating the Internet Safely

As our kids and teens spend more time exploring, creating, and learning online, it's natural to wonder how we can best support them — especially with emerging technologies like artificial intelligence becoming part of their digital world. On Safer Internet Day 2026, Google shared helpful updates and tools designed to make it easier for families to guide, protect, and empower young people as they navigate the Internet safely. Learn more [here](#).

Important Dates:

March 6: International Women's Day

March 8: International Women's Day

March 10: Army Reserves will visit CPA for interested students at noon in the student exchange area

March 12: Student Trivia Night

March 16-20: March Break

March 21: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

March 21: World Down Syndrome Day

March 26: Rootbeerfest

March 31: International Transgender Day of Visibility

Have a wonderful week!

Stephanie Bird, Principal