

KSC Newsletter

Principal's Message

Wahe Guru Ji Ka Khalsa, Wahe Guru Ji Ki Fateh,

Dear Khalsa School Calgary Family,

On behalf of the staff and board at Khalsa School Calgary, we would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our families as we begin a brand-new school year. We hope our students had a safe and enjoyable summer and are returning with excitement for the year ahead.

A successful school day starts with a timely arrival. Being on time ensures that students are ready to begin their day calmly, without feeling rushed, and allows them to fully participate in morning routines and learning activities. Arriving late not only disrupts a child's own learning but can also affect the flow of the classroom. We remind families to plan ahead so students can arrive **by 8:00 am**.

Our dismissal schedule will remain the same as in previous years. Division 1 (Kindergarten- Grade 3) and their siblings in Grades 4-9 will be dismissed at 2:45 pm. Division 2 and 3 (Grades 4-9) and all bus students will be dismissed at 3:00pm.

We kindly ask parents to arrive on time for their child's pick-up. If your child's dismissal time is 3:00 pm, please avoid entering the parking lot early and arrive right at 3:00 pm.

For our uniform expectations, we believe uniforms are an important part of creating a disciplined and positive learning environment. We require all students wear a full uniform, including black indoor shoes, every Monday. On special occasions, such as award ceremonies and picture days, students will be required to wear their full uniform as well. Parents will be notified in advance by email.

Please note that our uniform policy will be strictly enforced this year, and any deviations may result in a **uniform infraction**. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child is prepared and in proper uniform each day.

Clear and consistent communication is key to ensuring every student has a positive experience at Khalsa School Calgary. If parents have a concern regarding their child, the **first point of contact should always be the classroom teacher**. Teachers can be reached before or after school through the main office or via their school email. Please note that teachers are not available during instructional time. Parents will also have several opportunities to connect with teachers directly during scheduled parent-teacher conferences.

As of September 1, 2024, all Alberta schools have implemented personal device policies in alignment with the new ministerial order. (More details can be found here: www.alberta.ca/cellphone-use-in-schools-engagement). Fortunately, our existing policies already reflect much of this guidance. We ask students to not bring their cell phones to school.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children. With your support, we look forward to a positive and successful 2025–26 school year together.

Best regards,

Mrs. H. Gill

Leave A Legacy (Friday, September 12th)



We're excited to kick off the new school year with our annual **Leave A Legacy Day!** This special tradition brings our KSC students (K–6) together to celebrate friendships, welcome new classmates, and show our school pride.

This year's event will be packed with **special guests, fun entertainment, and engaging activities**—all to make sure our students enjoy an unforgettable start to the year!

Picture Day (Monday, September 22nd)

All students are required to dress in their complete uniform, including ties and sweater vests. These pictures will include both class pictures and individual photos.



Terry Fox Run (Friday, September 26th)



Khalsa School Calgary will proudly take part in the Terry Fox School Run this September, joining millions of Canadians in continuing Terry's fight against cancer. More details will be shared by our Terry Fox Committee later this month, so stay tuned! On run day, students are encouraged to come dressed in **comfortable, active wear**.

Meet and Greet (Monday, September 29th) No - Classes

We are excited to invite all Khalsa School Calgary families to our **Teacher Meet & Greet!** This special event gives parents and students the opportunity to connect with teachers, explore classrooms, and learn more about the year ahead. More information will be coming your way about this day later in the month.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Tuesday, September 30th No - Classes



Each year, September 30th marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Khalsa School Calgary will be **closed** on this day, as we all are encouraged to use September 30th as a day to reflect on reconciliation and to recognize the legacy of residential schools. On October 1st, KSC will honor Every Child Matters and **Orange Shirt Day**, as our students will learn about the history of residential schools. Orange Shirt Day order forms will be sent home later this month.

REMINDERS



The safety of the students is a priority! When dropping off or picking up your child please **be mindful of your speed in the parking lot**. Also, the school is aware that the parking lot is short on space. As we work to make enhancements to the parent parking lot over the next few weeks, please ensure you are **parking properly in the stalls** to ensure you are allowing space for another car in the stalls beside you.



The parking lot at the front of the school is for staff and bus access only.

Parents, please refrain from entering the front parking lot between the hours of **7:30-8:15am** and **2:30-3:30pm**.



Nut Free Policy

Please note that we have several students and staff at Khalsa School Calgary who have **severe food allergies to peanuts and nuts**. It is important that there is a strict avoidance to prevent a life-threatening allergic reaction. We are asking for your help to provide all our students and staff with a safe school environment. To help reduce the chance of a life-threatening allergic reaction from occurring, we ask that you **do not** send your child to school with products containing **peanuts or nuts**.



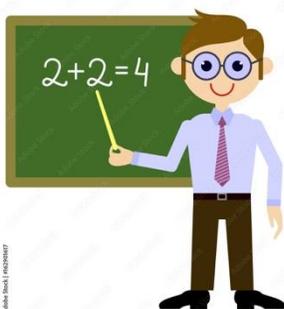
The best way to determine if snacks are allergy-free is to read the label. **Be aware** of phrases like this:

“May Contain Peanut or Tree Nuts.”

“Processed on shared equipment with Peanuts or Tree Nuts.”

“Manufactured in a plant with Peanut or Tree Nuts.”

“Contains Peanut or Tree Nut Ingredients.”



Classes Are Underway!

Teachers have prepared diligently to prepare for their students and classes are well underway. Class lists have been finalized and **no changes to homerooms** will be accepted.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labour Day School Closed	2 Full day classes for students (Gr. K-9)	3 1st Prakash Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji	4	5 Bana Day	6
7	8 Full Uniform	9	10	11	12 Leave A Legacy Day for all Kindergarten to Grade 6 Students Casual Day	13
14	15 Full Uniform Assu-7 th Sikh Month	16 Gur Gaddi-Guru Arjan Dev Ji Joti Jot-Guru Amar Das Ji Joti Jot-Guru Ram Das Sahib Ji	17	18 Gur Gaddi-Guru Angad Dev Ji	19 Bana Day	20
21	22 School Picture Day Full Uniform Joti Jot-Guru Nanak Dev Ji	23	24	25	26 Terry Fox Run Casual Day	27
28	29 Meet and Greet School Closed	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation School Closed	1 Orange Shirt Day			