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INTERNATIONAL
BACCALAUREATE
PROGRAM

August 2026

Important Dates

Aug 24	9:00 – 3:00	Grade 12	Textbooks, ID Cards & Lockers
Aug 25	9:00 – 3:00	Grade 11	Textbooks, ID Cards & Lockers
Aug 26	9:00 – 3:00	Grade 10	Textbooks, ID Cards & Lockers
Aug 27	9:00 – 3:00	All Grades	Textbooks, ID Cards & Lockers
Aug 28	1:00 pm	Grade 10	Math IB Cohort - IB Challenge (see page 4)
Aug 31	8:00 am	Grade 12	IB Meeting for grade 12 students taking IB - Theatre
	9:00 am	Grade 12	Assembly and Home Room
	9:15 am	Grade 11	IB Meeting for grade 11 students taking IB - Theatre
	10:15 am	Grade 11	Assembly and Home Room
	10:45 am	Grade 10	IB Meeting for grade 10 students interested in IB - Theatre
	11:30 am	Grade 10	Assembly followed by Home Room, School Tour and Barbeque.

**** All grades photo day Life Touch will be available from 8:30 AM -1:00 PM ***

Sept 1 8:50 am Tuesday timetable – all students

Welcome to Churchill

Welcome to the new school year at Sir Winston Churchill High School! This summer newsletter contains information you will need to know for a smooth beginning to school. This is the only school newsletter of the year that will be sent to you. Up-to-date school information, our school calendar and our daily bulletin are available on our school website. As well, please listen for automated phone messages and email messages that will come throughout the year.

Grade 10 Welcome

AUGUST 31, 11:30 AM ASSEMBLY - HOME ROOM

Grade 10 students are invited to a barbeque and school opening activities on Monday, August 31 following the morning assembly, Home Room and welcome BBQ.

School Photos and Visual ID Cards

Plan to have your picture taken!

Student photo visual ID cards will be initially issued at no cost to all students. Lost or damaged ID cards will need to be immediately replaced at a charge to the students.

FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY REASONS STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE THEIR CURRENT VISUAL ID CARD WITH THEM WHILE IN THE BUILDING.

They will be required for admittance to classes, school activities, exams, sporting events, access to printing devices, checking out library books, subject textbooks, and picking up yearbooks. ID cards may also be required to verify student status on Calgary Transit.

All SWC students must have their picture taken, even if a photo package is not purchased. You do not need to bring money for photos during school start up. Each student will have pictures taken and receive a proof package mid-September. Please visit their website for further information at <http://lifetouch.ca/>

Business Office

All previous textbooks must be returned and/or outstanding fees must be paid before the current textbooks can be issued.

The Business office will send out an email to all students/families when fees for 2026-2027 school year are due and finalized.

Transportation

Transportation to school is by Calgary Transit. Please visit the Calgary Transit website for details of High School Service Routes.

Computer and Technology Services

Students should review the Computer and Technology Services section on our school website. <http://school.cbe.ab.ca/school/sirwinstonchurchill/culture-environment/tech-tools/digital-citizenship/pages/default.aspx>



Band Information

We are looking forward to welcoming our new SWC Music families to the program. For more announcements and reminders, students/families with social media are encouraged to follow @swcmusicdept on Instagram.

Here are some important dates and details for music students and families:

Ensemble classes - dates and times:

Concert Band: Monday/Wednesday (7 - 8:15 am)

Symphonic Band: Tuesday/Thursday (7 - 8:15 am)

Wind Ensemble: Wednesday (3:20 - 5:00 pm) & Friday (1:30 - 3:15 pm)

Jazz Band: Monday (3:20 - 5:00 pm)

Concert Choir (low voices, new to choir): Monday/Thursday (3:20 - 5:00 pm)

Chamber Choir (experienced treble voices): Tuesday/Thursday (3:20 - 5:00 pm)

Important start up dates:

Grade 10 instrument rentals - done in class

Grade 11/12 instrument rentals - Aug 27 (1:00 - 3:00pm) & 31 (8:30 am - 3:00 pm)

AM Only Band Grade 10 (no Instrumental Music in the timetable) Meeting - Sept 2 (7:45 am)

Choir meeting - Sept 3 (3:15 - 4:00 pm)

J Block Classes begin (Ensemble rehearsals) - Sept 4

Jazz Band meeting - Sept 9 (lunch)

Jazz Band classes start - Sept 14

SWC Music Parent Orientation and AGM - Sept 21 (6:00 - 7:00 pm) in the theatre

Important FALL learning/performance dates:

Symphonic Band Workshop: Saturday, Sept 19 (9 am - 4 pm) @ SWC

Concert Band Workshop: Saturday, Oct 3 (9 am - 4 pm) @ SWC

Choir Workshop: Saturday, Oct 31 (9 am - 4 pm) @ SWC

Family of Bands (Concert Band & Jazz Band): Tuesday, Nov 24 (5 pm - 9 pm) @ SWC

Important travel dates/opportunities:

Concert Band Retreat to Edmonton: March 14 - 15, 2027

Choir Retreat to Camp Evergreen: March 17 - 19, 2027

Grade 11/12 Band Tour to Whistler: April 22 -25, 2027



Math 10 IB Candidate Challenge

IB MATH CANDIDATE CHALLENGE EXAM - **AUG 28 AT 1:00 PM**

Students who have completed Math 10c (with Alberta Education Math 10c credits) and are interested in the Math IB program may complete a Math Challenge Exam in order to skip the Math 10 Cohort IB course and apply directly into Math 20 IB. This opportunity is only for students who have Alberta Education credits for Math 10c. It is **NOT** a course challenge, but mostly for students (for example) in the GATE program (or other similar programs) who completed Math 10 during grade 9 at their junior high schools. **It is NOT** for students who have completed advanced math in their tutoring programs, but do not have credits for Math 10c. The challenge exam will be on Tuesday, August 28 at 1:00 PM. The location will be posted outside of the main office. No graphing calculators permitted in the exam. If you intend to write this challenge, you must email Ms. Giannoutsos before August 24th. bagiannoutsos@cbe.ab.ca

Locker Sign-up

Locker partners must be in the SAME GRADE and must COME TOGETHER for the sign-up

Locker sign-up will take place August 24 through August 27 during the school opening process. Students require a current SWC visual ID card. Locker registration is done any time after you have your new ID card. Students may choose a locker partner both students will need to be present in order for a locker to be issued. Students who do not come with a locker partner will be assigned a partner at random.

Student Parking

Students will be able to apply and pay for parking passes during the school opening process. There is a minimum charge for a parking pass which covers parking lot maintenance. Unfortunately, there is a limited number of spots for students.

Reminder, DO NOT PARK IN NUMBERED SPACES, STUDENTS PARKING WITHOUT PASSES WILL BE TICKETED

Homerooms & Student Assemblies

MONDAY AUGUST 31, 2026

GRADE 12 – 9:00 AM

GRADE 11 – 10:15 AM

GRADE 10 – 11:30 AM

Students are required to attend an assembly on Monday in the main gymnasium, followed by a homeroom. During school opening, students will receive forms and notices. Students who did not participate in the school opening procedures will need to listen to announcements for further instructions.

*Admirable policy forms can be dropped off at the main office Sept 1, 2026.



Absence Reporting & Bell Schedule

To report a student absence, parents or guardians are asked to phone the attendance line at **(403) 289-9241, option 1 prior to 1:00 pm** on the day of the absence. Non-valid student absences, (not lates) will be communicated through the school messenger system. If you have concerns, please contact the main office. Please provide the following information:

Student's Name	Spell the last name	ID number
Reason for absence	TIME OF THE ABSENCE	Who is calling
If missing a quiz or exam – student to email the teacher		
PLEASE ONLY CALL ONCE FOR YOUR STUDENT		

School Store Pop-Up

There will be a pop-up school store open on Monday, August 24, Tuesday, August 25 and Wednesday, August 26 from 9:00am-2:00pm in the school foyer.

There will be a variety of Churchill hoodies, crewnecks, sweatpants, lanyards, water bottles, t-shirts and more.

Student Services

Back to School

Once class schedules are finalized, counsellors will be available for regular appointments. Students can see the Guidance Secretary, Ms. Ofner, after **Monday, September 14** to book an appointment.

Please note that **course change requests will not be handled through appointments**. All course change requests must be submitted using the online form before school begins. Additional information is provided below.

Viewing 2026-27 Timetables

Student timetables will be available in PowerSchool for students and families on **August 11**, after the annual school year rollover is complete.

Course Change Requests

Classes at Churchill are expected to be full this coming year, making timetable changes limited. Before submitting a course change request, students should review the guidelines below to ensure their request meets the established criteria. Requests will be reviewed and processed accordingly.

Students may submit course change requests from **August 11 at 9:00 a.m. to August 18 at 12:00 p.m. (noon)** using the [Fall Course Change Request Form 2026-27 – Fill out form](#). The form will become available on **August 11**.

Students may submit **one** form only, so please include all requested changes in a single submission. All requests are subject to course availability.

To ensure fairness and accurate tracking, **all course change requests must be submitted through the online form**. Requests made by email or phone will not be considered.



Please keep the following in mind before submitting a request:

- Timetables may change up to the first day of school as teaching assignments are finalized and counsellors balance class sizes
- Students are expected to be available for all four periods of the school day. We cannot accommodate schedule requests based on part-time employment, extracurricular activities, or other personal commitments
- Timetable changes will not be made based on teacher preference, time of day, spare placement, semester preference, or requests to be scheduled with friends
- Teaching assignments may change before the start of the school year, as a result, the teacher listed on a student's timetable may not be the teacher assigned when classes begin
- Due to the high volume of course change requests, counsellors will contact students **only if clarification or follow-up is required**. If you are not contacted, you can assume that any available timetable changes have been completed by the first day of school
- If a counsellor needs to meet with a student to discuss their timetable, a placeholder course titled **"See Counsellor"** will appear on the student's timetable. Only students with **"See Counsellor"** on their schedule will meet with a counsellor during the first week of classes. Counsellors will call these students from class to review and resolve any timetable issues or conflicts
- Students needing a counsellor appointment for any other reasons will need to wait until September 14 to see their counsellor

The deadline to submit timetable change requests is August 18 at 12:00 noon. The request form will close promptly at 12:00 noon. No submissions will be accepted after the deadline.



TIMETABLE



		CTS 700 Bus ARRIVAL 8:00 AM MONDAY – FRIDAY			
TIMES	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:00 - 8:10 70 minutes	AM CLASS	AM CLASS	AM CLASS	AM CLASS	
8:15 – 8:50 35 minutes	1 (tutorial)	2 (tutorial)	3 (tutorial)	4 (tutorial)	1 8:15 – 9:20 65 minutes
8:50 – 10:10 80 minutes	1	2	3	4	2 9:25 – 10:30 65 minutes
10:15 – 11:40 85 minutes	2	1	4	3	BREAK – 15 minutes
11:40 – 12:25	LUNCH – 45 minutes				3 10:45 – 11:50 65 minutes
12:25 – 1:45 80 minutes	3	4	1	2	4 11:55 – 1:00 65 minutes
1:50 – 3:10 80 minutes	4	3	2	1	OFFICE HOURS MON – THURS 7:45 – 3:30 FRIDAY 7:45 – 1:45
3:15 – 4:45 90 minutes	PM CLASS	PM CLASS	PM CLASS	PM CLASS	



School Opening, 2026-2027 August 24,25,26 and 27

Procedure Guide – Bring this sheet to assist you with school opening procedures for Photos, Textbooks, Lockers and Parking Applications. Map located on next page.

Students not able to complete school opening procedures must come to the main office before attending any classes.

Steps to follow:			Concerns / Information
1	Start in main foyer	All - Pick up timetable .	If there is no timetable, please come to the main office.
2	Timetable Confirmed	Stamp your “ timetable finalized ”	Timetable concerns – see page 5 – Student Services for instructions.
3	School Fees	TBA-email will be sent to families	School Fees can be paid at the school by debit, credit card, cash, or cheque.
4	SWC School ID Photo	Have your Picture taken	Students may not wear hats or act inappropriately.
5	SWC Visual ID card	Pick up SWC Visual ID Card .	SWC Visual ID Cards must be always with the student and is required throughout the year for textbooks, grad, library books, lockers, etcetera.
6	Textbook Distribution	At the business office, hand in your Stamped Timetable and your Fee Receipt	– Stamped timetables are required by all students for textbook distribution. – Students are responsible for the textbooks they are issued. – Students may print their name in the front of the textbooks for easy identification. - All previous textbooks must be returned and/or outstanding items tended to before the current textbooks can be issued.
7	Locker Distribution	Bring your current SWC Visual ID . Students requesting to share a locker must come together.	– Current SWC Visual ID is required by all students for locker distribution. – To share a locker, you must come together after you both get your new current ID cards.
8	Parking Passes	Will be available during the school start up process request in the business office	-quantities are limited, be sure to purchase early to avoid not getting a parking pass.

Please complete the annual forms on your school engage. If you should require paper documents, please the office know, and we will send them home with your student. ***It is important to note that all these forms must be completed by parents or legal guardian as they are legal forms.***

Student Demographic Verification Form

Student Records Regulation requires an annually reviewed and signed Demographic Verification

(Even if there are no changes)

Media Release and Use of Student Information Form.

1) School District Use of Personal Information: this document outlines how personal information may be used within CBE without consent. This document is for parents to keep and is not intended to be returned. This notice is included in the student registration form and is also sent home annually. 2) Consent for CBE Use of Student Information: this document outlines instances when we would like to share student information publicly in our day-to-day work. This sharing requires parental consent annually. 3) Consent for Use of Student Information b 1) School District Use of Personal Information: this document outlines how personal information may be used within CBE without consent. This document is for parents to keep and is not intended to be returned. This notice is included in the student registration form and is also sent home annually. 2) Consent for CBE Use of Student Information: this document outlines instances when we would like to share student information publicly in our day-to-day work. This sharing requires parental consent annually.



A Student Health Plan is required for all students with medical conditions that may impact their access to meaningful education services.

