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request that parents avoid sending foods that contain nuts. Being allergy aware means we take precautions to reduce the chance of exposure for students to allergens while acknowledging that it is impossible to eliminate all risk.

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Secondary School Principal

Joe Smith

Special points of interest:

September Calendar

- Upcoming events (back page)
- Messages from the classrooms

Helpful Numbers..

Attainable Housing Calgary—
www.attainablehomescalgary.ca

FSCD (Family support for Children with Disabilities) - 403-297-6022

Kids Help Phone—1-800-668-6868

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Welcome! Jr. High.....Grades 7/8



This week in Junior High One! Forms for the Ice Fields 3 day trip have gone out, please have them signed and returned as soon as possible! We are continuing to read Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone with exciting

art projects that tie in with our "Third-warts" school wide initiative. Testing for our new students for reading and math skills using the Woodcock-Johnson and KeyMath diagnostic tests once we return from the Ice Fields. In Social, we are learning about First Nations and their role as guides to the first Canadian explorers. In Science, we have begun the conversation about ecosystems and are looking forward to studying the local systems in Jasper next week. Looking forward to a great school year!
Mrs. Smith Miss Fischer Miss Williams Mr. Smith

Welcome! Jr. High.....Grade 9



Hello to all parents, students, and readers of our Third Academy newsletter. On behalf of Ms. McBride and Mr. Finney, we want to take the time to thank you for all your support and encouragement in ensuring that The Third Academy, as a reputable institution, continues to achieve operational excellence. We take great joy in helping our students develop literacy, numeracy, and physical fitness skills that are so pertinent for the healthy and productive development of our students. In our first

week of classes, we have engaged in a series of both fun and productive activities for the benefit of our students, which include: video games jeopardy, soccer games, a review of basic numeric operations, literature analysis, and cooperative and competitive games. We look forward to a fun and productive school year.
Caron McBride Mr. Finney

Welcome! Sr. High...Grade 10



Grade 10 students have enjoyed a great start of this school year. In the past two weeks, the students have completed a few interesting academic projects: creating a rollercoaster (science), writing a short story (in-progress), creating a balloon of wish (drama), etc. They have also completed the Canadian Test of Basic Skills (CTBS – English and Mathematics). The electives classes, Music, Film Studies, Broadcasting, PE, and Special Projects are going real-

ly well. Now, we are excited for the 4-day Trip to Banff/Jasper National Parks taking place from September 22 to 25th. Way to go Team!
Mr. Chim Mr. Lu

Welcome! High School...Grades 11/12



Good afternoon parents, guardians and students. The high school class has been very busy adjusting to all the changes since last year, getting to know each other and introducing the high school teaching staff to everyone. The grade eleven and twelve class has recently completed all the standardized testing with the results upcoming.

As we approach the week of the 22nd and our field trip to the glaciers, please feel to contact me (Christos Kazyas 403 589 0935 or at ckazyas@thirdacademy.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

Textbooks have been handed out and we have begun all of our classes. A quick note for all parents and guardians, high school news will be sent out either just before or just after the field trip to the ice fields that will cover all the courses your son or daughter will be taking this year and an up to date reminder of the total credits achieved and which courses will be needed to ensure graduation. The high school teaching team all warmly welcome our parents and guardians.

Christos Kazyas Curtis Kennedy

Welcome! Expressive Arts



Hello and welcome to a new school year! This week, the students have been doing Orientation Dramatic Games and exercises; including voice and movement exercises to increase and develop their stage performance abilities. I look forward with working with all new and returning students to create an exciting year of Dramatic Plays.

David Gillespie

Welcome! Music & Visual Arts

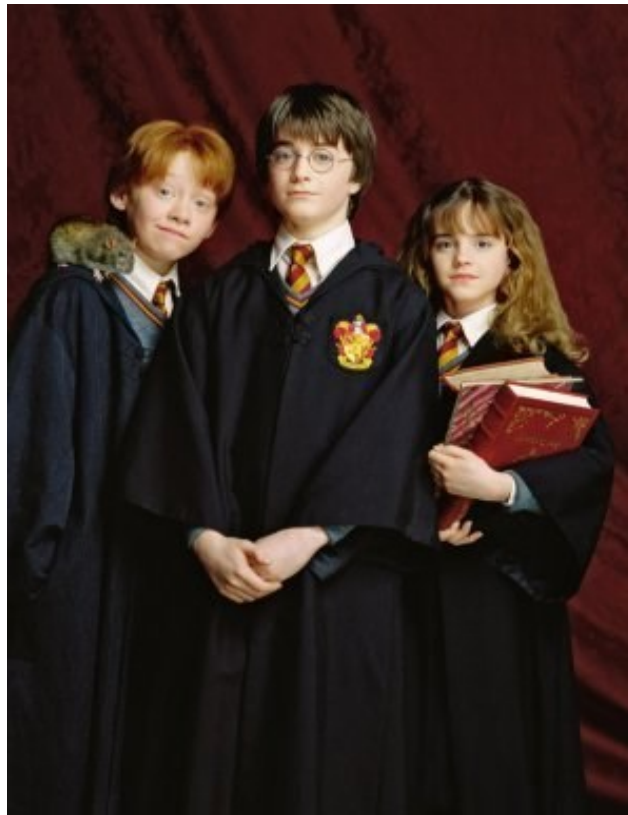


Hello Parents! Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year. This week, the students will be introduced to new concepts in music, having fun dancing and groovin' and playing new rock songs to get them working together as a class. The students and I are excited to begin this new journey in the musical arts together!

Mr. Kennedy

PAC & Fundraising

We look forward to creating our new PAC soon. We are looking for several positive and enthusiastic parents to fill positions on our Parent Activity Council. If you are interested please call the school and let us know. Look for more info soon!



Oh No! ****We have to reschedule our Ice Fields Trip****

We recently heard from our friends at the Mosquito Creek and Rampart Hostels. Unfortunately there is a scheduling difficulty and we are forced to reschedule. The good news is that we still get to go and our new dates are just one week later. September 22-25 for the 4 day Sr. High trip at Mosquito Creek and September 23-25 for the 3 day Jr. High trip at Rampart Creek. We will send home a new set of information with the new dates. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.



Greetings from Your Transportation Manager!



Our transportation startup was challenging this year with the consolidation of “two schools under one roof” and dozens of new students to bring to and from school. We transport about 100 students on 7 different routes from places as far away as Okotoks and Cochrane. Our services are prioritized on the basis of need and our bus resources. When possible, we have our families make use of alternative transportation services – Access Calgary and Calgary Transit. I will be contacting some parents to discuss the process of shifting from Third Academy buses to public services. For those students riding our buses, as our routes are long and will only be longer when winter arrives, we are in the process of asking capable students to walk out to a central point for pickup and drop off. For some of our students, Access Calgary or Calgary Transit can provide superior service to Third Academy’s bus service.



Transportation Continued....

While we have exceptional bus drivers, effective communication with your driver makes for a good bus experience for everyone. All of our drivers have school cell phones. We find text messaging the best way for parents and drivers to converse. Parents are expected to notify their driver if their child will not be requiring bus service to or from school. As our drivers begin their routes early, and it is difficult for them to receive messages while driving, every effort should be made to text your driver of a cancellation before 6 am. **Please do not call our drivers between the hours of 6:00 am to 9:00 am and 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm as it is impossible for them to answer your call while they are driving.** If you must contact your driver while they are driving, send them a text message and they will check it and, if necessary, respond when they are parked in a safe location, likely at the next pickup or drop stop. Please send only one message and do your best to keep it brief. Once our routes are running smoothly, our drivers are expected to contact you by text if they are running early or late and give you an estimated time of arrival. As a courtesy, some of our drivers text parents daily at the previous stop so that you know when to send your child out. Please help us keep our buses moving by having your child at the designated spot at the designated time. Normally we provide a two (2) minute grace period before the bus will depart without making the pickup. There are, however, situations when we are unable to wait because of traffic conditions. If students consistently arrive at their stops late (even within the grace period) we will have to temporarily discontinue bus service until a solution to the problem is found.

As I drive a bus route myself, I am unable to assist parents with students on other bus routes while I am driving. If you have a problem and are unable to resolve it with the driver, please contact me by text (403-888-8437) or email (bfreeman@thirdacademy.ca). Please note that I cannot respond immediately and I likely will not be able to contact the driver while they are driving. In the case of an emergency, please contact your Principal: Rehana Mattu - Elementary Campus - at 587-226-4147 or Joe Smith – Jr./Sr. High Campus – at 403-680-5124.

Third Academy's transportation system would benefit greatly from charitable donations. We need to purchase at least one additional bus this year and two new buses would be preferable. On the wish list is also a GPS tracking system to allow you to check the status of your bus from your phone or computer. If you or someone you know would like their name on the side of a new Third Academy bus (as well as a charitable receipt), please contact our Executive Director, Sunil Mattu at 403-690-1408.

As we add more students over the month of September, expect that there will be revisions to our bus routes. I appreciate your patience as we make these changes.

Bruce Freeman
Transportation Manager
bfreeman@thirdacademy.ca
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Chocolate Pots Gluten Free



Serves 8— Total Time: 2hr 30 mins

Ingredients:

- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/8 teaspoon kosher salt
- 3 cups whole milk
- 4 large egg yolk
- 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 6 ounces bittersweet chocolate chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon unsweetened cocoa powder

Directions:

1. In a medium saucepan, combine the sugar, cornstarch, and salt. Add 1/3 cup of the milk, stirring to form a smooth paste. Whisk in the egg yolks and the remaining milk.
2. Cook the mixture over medium-low heat, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon or spatula until thickened, 12 to 15 minutes (do not allow to boil). Remove from heat.
3. Add the vanilla and chocolate, stirring until the chocolate is melted and the mixture is smooth. Pour into eight-4-ounces ramekins, glasses or teacups. Refrigerate, covered, until chilled, at least 2 hours and up to 2 days. Sprinkle with cocoa powder before serving.

September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labour Day No School	8	9	10	11 Blackfoot Park (PM)	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 4 Day Ice Field trip departs (Gr 9- 12)	23 3 Day Ice Field trip departs (Gr 7- 9)	24	25 Both Ice Field trip returns	26
27	28 PD Day No School	29 PD Day No School	30			