



## ***Believe, Rise, Achieve***

***October 29 , 2020***

### ***Important Dates***

***October 30*** Students may dress in costume as long as they can still follow AHS protocols.

***November 2*** Picture Retakes at 8:30 a.m.

***November 2-6*** Virtual Parent-Teacher Interviews

***November 4*** Staff Meeting (Early Dismissal)

***November 11-13*** Midterm Break (No School)

***November 30*** Virtual School Council Meeting

***December 4*** Professional Development Day (No students)

### ***Nowhere to Run***

A huge thank you to our School Council and Parent Advisory groups for all of their hard work putting this event together in a challenging time! The event raised \$2280.80 for mental health initiatives in our school and the Calmar community. We can't wait to get together in person for this event next year!



### ***Parent-Teacher Interviews***

Next week, November 2 - 6, we will provide an opportunity for parents to have a virtual meeting with teachers via email or phone. We contemplated also providing an option for a Google Meet but this was not feasible for all of our teachers. Please use the link below to fill out the short form indicating your preferences for contact with myself or any Calmar Secondary teacher.

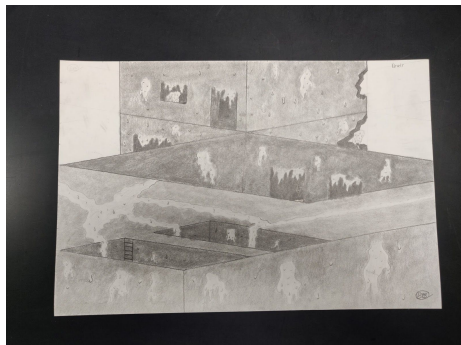
[Parent-Teacher Interview Form](#)

## ***COVID-19 Protocols***

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our school community for working together to follow the protocols outlined by Alberta Health Services. It is definitely a challenge and we all feel COVID fatigue from time to time. Please remember that if your child is sick it is imperative that they stay home. This [COVID Flowchart](#) is an excellent guiding tool. You can also find the AHS online assessment tool [here](#). We understand how complex this can be. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We understand that student and staff absenteeism is going to be much higher than usual this year. We will work very hard with our school community to ensure that all of our students have a positive learning experience at Calmar Secondary School this year.

## ***High School Art***

This year is the first time that we have been able to schedule a block for high school art. Here is what our students have been working on!



## ***Athletics***

This year has been a little different for athletics. We have been doing a significant amount of activity outside and when inside we are trying to social distance! So far, our students have played baseball, rugby, disc golf, volleyball, yoga and have just started pickleball. Let's hope we have some more great weather so we can get outside!



## ***Keep Your Valuables at Home***

This year we have been restricted by not having access to lockers for students. While we do everything possible to keep student belongings secure, we have had several items go missing from the gym change rooms. Please keep valuable items such as ear buds, phones, money and expensive clothing at home if possible, as it is extremely difficult to find these items if they are taken. We have made some changes to our school policies in the last few weeks to remedy the situation. Recently, schools have been given clearance to allocate lockers to students on a site by site basis. We are currently working on a plan that will allow students to have limited access to a locker. We should have more details by the end of next week.