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Janus Journal

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by Carlene Chrumka, Executive Director (interim)

Welcome back to school! We are very excited to see everyone back from summer holidays.

While most were able to enjoy the long, hot days of summer, Janus ran our summer camp program. This year we held 3 sessions with a total of 52 campers. They participated in activities such as going to the water parks, attending community special events and enjoying some of our Calgary parks.

This year is shaping up to be another great one. I am very pleased to be taking on the role of Executive Director for Janus for a period of 6 months. I am looking forward to meeting and working with the staff, students, parents and Board of Directors.

We will be having a New Parents information night on September 13th to introduce new parents to Janus Academy and how we can all work together. September will also be filled with getting our new students familiar with their school and training sessions for our staff teams.

Our Shoot of the Century fundraiser is happening on October 5th at Silver Willow Sporting Club. We are looking for 14 teams of 4 to come out for a day of shooting clay targets. I have seen the course and it looks spectacular. I love this fundraiser as it isn't another golf tournament, it is something really unique and should be a ton of fun. Sagium has once again taken a lead in supporting this event and has been instrumental in getting teams together and registered. If you or anyone you know wants to participate, please give me a call or email me and I will get you the information.

We are also starting the planning for our Annual Gala. This year our theme is "There's No Place Like Janus" (working from the Wizard of Oz movie). We have the date set for March 10, 2018. There will be more information circulated as the committee finalizes the details. You can get your early bird tickets before January 15 for a bit of a savings. As always, this should be a great evening out to celebrate all the great things that happen at Janus Academy.

Thank you to everyone for supporting me in this early transition period. I am really looking forward to working with all of you and creating new ways to support the Janus Academy mission and vision!

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Important Dates

Fall 2017

Mark your calendars

- September 13 Parent Night
- October 2-5 Student Workshops
- October 5 Shoot of the Century Fundraiser
- October 6 Organizational Day (no school)
- October 9 Thanksgiving (no school)
- October 10-12 Parent Teacher Conferences (forms will be sent out via email)
- October 20 Picture Day
- October 31 HALLOWEEN celebrations

Attendance Reporting Reminder

ALL CAMPUSES

Please report all absent or late students as early as possible

Call the School Office for your child:

RAMSAY CAMPUS [Elementary]
403.262.3333

ACADIA CAMPUS [Jr/Sr High]
403.228.5559

Please include:

- Student Name
- Teacher
- Reason for Absence

You may leave a message at any time on our voicemail.



FAST FACTS – OUR CAMPUSES

ELEMENTARY

37 Janus students at:

Ramsay Campus
2223 Spiller Road SE

JR. / SR. HIGH

16 Janus students at:

Acadia Campus
8516 Athabasca St SE

ADULT DAY PROGRAM PODS

ABLITY HUB
CORNERSTONE CHURCH

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Keep your contact information up to date

A Student Information Form was sent home for you to fill out with all your contact information.

If you move or need to update any emergency contact information throughout the year, please contact:

Karli Martin @
403.262.3333

Welcome New Students & Staff

From the Board and Staff...

Janus Academy is pleased to welcome **11 new students** to our RAMSAY CAMPUS!

Hoen ...Room 4

Dylan, Reuben ...Room 11

Khaled, Attila, Adi, Sebastian, and Elaina ...Room 14

Sully, Marko, and Akif ...Room 15

Joining the **Janus Academy staff** this year, we welcome the following:

At the **Ramsay Campus**

Dayna ...Room 4

Soomin ...Room 4

Idan ...Room 4

Ellen ...Room 11

Nseobong ...Room 14

Bronwyn ...Room 14

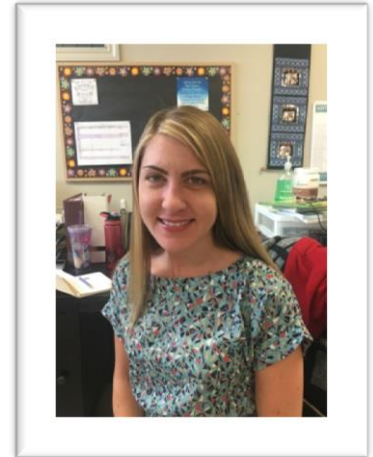
Lateefat ...Room 15

Nuri ...Room 15

At the **Acadia Campus**

Andrea ...Class 1

Reynell ...Class 1



Andrea Hasnain joins Class #1 at the Acadia Campus

My name is Andrea Hasnain, and I am so pleased to be the new teacher of Classroom One at the Junior and High School Campus! I have many years of experience working in the private school sector with children with special needs. My previous job was as an elementary teacher, so I am very much looking forward to the exciting change of being a junior/high school teacher. Before that, I was living in Ontario, working with students with special needs ranging from grade 3 all the way to grade 12. I have always found my passion is working with students with special needs, so it is wonderful to be given the opportunity to continue my career at the Janus Academy.

New Staff Training 2017

It has been a great start to the new school year with our new behaviour therapists. The three day training workshop focused on many aspects of our teaching.

Topics covered:

- The history of Janus Academy
- Teaching Philosophy (ABA, Verbal Behaviour, DTT)
- How to pair with each student through motivation so they are excited to learn
- How to contrive natural environment teaching to foster language, communication skills, conversation skills, play, requesting, and generalizing a variety of skills
- The importance of reinforcement to increase appropriate behaviours
- Verbal Operants (units of language)
- Teaching Procedures /Cycle/Error Correction
- Adapted daily living (ADL) teaching procedures
- Behaviour management (functions of behaviour, behaviour scenarios, behaviour, protocols, proactive and reactive approaches)
- Restraint Training

Dana Kuzmanavski, M.Ed., BCBA Board Certified Behaviour Analyst did advanced training on behaviour management for returning staff.

Some of the key outcomes:

- Define ABC of behaviour
- Discuss the side effects of punishment and extinction
- Discuss different ways to use reinforcements
- Understanding the different functions of behaviour
- Use the following information to guide programs and interventions.



Also scheduled some team building activities!



1st STUDENT WORKSHOPS – October 2, 3, 4 & 5

Come October, we will be conducting our first set of student workshops. Student workshops give your child's educational team the opportunity to discuss student progress, review goals and expectations and practice therapy techniques. Students, who are not involved in workshops on a set day, are required to **stay home**. Please refer to the schedule below to review when your child is required to be at school.

RAMSAY CAMPUS:

Please see list below for workshop attendance:

October 2 & 3	Timi, Alanna, Keira, Alexander, Noah, Reuben, Dylan, Isaac, Jessica, Kiana, Jack, Ethan, Anna, Gabriel, Khaled, Megan, Christian, Daniel, Sully
October 4 & 5	Eric, Ishaan, Felix, Hoen, Hashim, Gabriel, Joshua, Aaron, Quintana, Attila, Adi, Sebastian, Kye, Elaina, Nadia, Ryan, Marko, Akif

ACADIA CAMPUS:

Please see list below for workshop attendance:

October 2 & 3	Navpreet, Keira, Lynsie, Hannah, Erfan, Eric, Maya and Francis
October 4 & 5	Rowen, Owen, Silus, Charlie, Monchan, Arnold, Marc and Ricky

IMPORTANT: Your child is required to stay home on the days that they are not in workshops

If you have any questions regarding workshops, please feel free to contact the school. If you need your child's workshop date changed, please note that we will do our best to accommodate you, however, due to scheduling difficulty, we ask that you understand if your requested change cannot be made.

Language Arts Program

During the 2016-2017 school year, it was decided that a review of our programs and our teaching methods was needed. Stacey Oliver, our Principal, completed an observation, assessment and evaluation of each of the classroom programs and compiled a report outlining her recommendations.

From this report, it was decided to create a pilot project for the Language Arts program. The goals of this program are to increase the number of students who receive Language Arts instruction utilizing a more comprehensive approach to teaching the skills.

Rozina Lakhani, a staff member who has worked with Janus for the past thirteen years, was recruited to lead this program and become the Language Arts Specialist. Rozina is very skilled in this area as she has taught Language Arts groups with skillsets that range from Phonics 1 to Grade 5.

We are very excited to start this pilot project and to see what outcomes it will produce as it pertains to students learning and accelerated skills in this area. We look forward to hearing from the families of the children participating in this pilot what changes they notice in their child's abilities.



**Kids Up Front provides children and teens with experiences that foster possibilities, passions and dreams...
One ticket at a time!**

Kids Up Front started as a grassroots charity initiative in Calgary in 2000 when local businessman John Dalziel wondered how unused tickets at the Saddledome could be put to use. Since 2000, Kids Up Front has given local kids and families over 425,000 event tickets – from hockey and football games to concerts and plays – valued at over \$14 million.

Janus Academy has partnered up with Kids Up Front to provide our students with these experiences! You will be receiving periodic emails from the school whenever tickets are available. Please RSVP immediately as the tickets go fast!

To make a financial contribution, or to donate tickets, [please visit our donations page.](#)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



FOOD Please do NOT send any food items that contain NUTS.

DUE TO SEVERE ALLERGIES, PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY FOOD ITEMS THAT CONTAIN NUTS! Although we are not a nut free school, we want to do our best to ensure our students with allergies are eating in a safe environment.

If your child requires special dietary reinforcements (i.e. sugar-free, gluten or casein free), parents are requested to provide the school with these items.

Please send in a daily snack. As snack and lunch times are busy, please ensure that all food is prepared beforehand (i.e. cut up) and lunch bags and containers are clearly labeled.

DRESS

Please send in one complete set of spare clothing and indoor running shoes. All items must be clearly labeled.

PICTURE DAY

Friday, October 20, 2017

Watch for your pose and colour background choice flyer which will be sent home prior to Photo Day. Have your child return this flyer to the photographer on Photo Day.

If the flyer is not returned your child will be photographed in a standard pose with a standard background.

Approximately **10 days after Photo Day**, your child will bring home an envelope which will contain your child's proofs and important order information.

LATE Orders must be mailed directly to: Lifetouch Canada Inc.

must be returned to the school campus your child attends by the **"IMPORTANT ORDER DUE DATE"** stamped in **red** on the order portion of the form.

If you require a RETAKE, check the box on the Order Form, sign it and have your child return it to the photographer **on Retake Day – November 8th**

Please contact **Lifetouch Canada** directly if you have any questions; their direct # is **1.866.443.9648**



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Transportation

STANDARD PROCEDURES

ALL CAMPUSES



SCHOOL HOURS - RAMSAY AND ACADIA CAMPUSES

DROP OFF TIMES: 8:50 – 9:10 am

PICK UP TIMES: 3:10 – 3:30 pm

If you are dropping off or picking up your child, these are the standard procedures to ensure your child's safety.

RAMSAY CAMPUS

When picking up and dropping off your child at Ramsay during regular drop off and pick up hours, there will be staff waiting curbside on Spiller Road – please let them know you are here. They will either bring your child into the school (drop off) or will notify the classroom to bring your child out (pick up)

Please note that the only way to access Janus Academy at the Ramsay campus is on the **NORTH side of the building.**

If you are dropping or picking up your child outside of regular hours, you **MUST use the North entrance;** do not use the centre doors. **Please ring the doorbell** and someone will meet you at the door as quickly as possible.

ACADIA CAMPUS

When picking up and dropping off your child at Acadia Campus, there will be staff waiting at the GREY door at the SOUTH EAST corner of MacDougall United Church to meet you. They will either bring your child into the school (drop off) or will notify the classroom to bring your child out (pick up)

However, if you are dropping your child off after 9:15 AM - please ring the doorbell at the same GREY door. Someone will answer the intercom and then notify your child's classroom staff that you have arrived; someone will then come and bring your child into the school.

If you are picking up between 3:15 – 3:30 PM – please ring the doorbell and your child's classroom staff will be notified to bring them out.

ADULT CAMPUSES

Ability Hub participants can access the building after 8:00 AM **and** proceed to the elevators to the 3rd floor.

Cornerstone participants can access our classrooms at the rear entrance to the Church.

FUNdraising

2017 Shoot of the Century Charity Event

October 5th 11:30 am to 5:00pm.

Hosted at Silver Willows Sporting Club

30133-Range Rd 20
Mountain View County

[Click here for our map](#)



Join us for a day of "golf with a shot gun" in our *Shoot of the Century* charity event in support Janus Academy! The day will begin with an overview of clay shooting and the course we will be using. Then it's off to the range where each foursome will traverse the course and shoot at the clays released from each station.

The entry fee is \$1500.00 per foursome and includes:

- A round of 70 clays per shooter. (Five shots per station on the blue course.)
- A coach and shot gun are provided for each foursome (no firearms license is required).
- All ammunition is included.
- A steak dinner with all the fixings.
- A chance to win some great prizes with a little luck or shooting skill – or maybe both.
- An opportunity to bid on some amazing prizes at the social function after the shoot.

There are a maximum of 14 foursomes at this event so do not miss out. To book your foursome, contact Greg Guderyan at gguderyan@sagiumhealth.com or 403-993-7388 (cell) or Carlene Chrumka at carlene@janusacademy.org.

21st Annual Spring Gala & Charity Auction

Saturday
March 10, 2018

Commonwealth Centre
117, 3961 – 52nd Ave. NE
Calgary, AB

Tickets: \$150.00
Early Bird Special:
\$125.00
(until January 15th)

Attire: Come as your favourite Oz character

For more information, contact:
teresa@janusacademy.org
carlene@janusacademy.org

THE EVENT

Put on your *ruby slippers* and follow the Yellow Brick Road to Janus Academy's 21st Annual Spring Gala and Charity Auction. This gala hosts over 600 participants and boasts one of Calgary's largest silent auctions with approximately 200 items!!! Come and enjoy a gourmet 3 course meal and exceptional DJ music to dance the night away. This year's theme is *"There's No Place Like Janus"*.

****Parents should be receiving their solicitation and sponsorship package by the end of the month. So stay tuned!**



Board of Directors

Chair	Mona Johnson
Vice Chair	Nick Heffernan
Treasurer	Bill de Jong
Secretary	Patrick Gartner
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Director	Maxine Jones-Sine
Executive Director	Carlene Chrumka

Our Vision

To be recognized as a leader in specialized education and the facilitation of lifelong community integration of children and youth with autism

Our Mission

To empower and support children and youth with autism and their families, maximizing their quality of life by providing excellence in innovative teaching techniques that meet their academic, social and emotional needs

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ACADIA CAMPUS

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Calgary, AB T2H 1S1

403.228.5559

ADULT DAY PROGRAMS

Ability Hub – 300, 3820 24th Ave NW, Calgary, AB

Cornerstone Church - 1227 48th Ave NE, Calgary, AB

