



Janus Journal

September
2025

September Greeting from Janus Academy

Hello Families and Staff,

As the new school year begins, I want to extend a warm welcome to both our returning families and those joining us for the first time. We are excited to have you as part of our community and look forward to a year filled with growth, learning, and connection. This is an exciting time for both students and faculty as we create an environment that supports learning, growth, and fellowship.

This summer, we were open for our summer camp program, and it was a fantastic experience for everyone involved. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Angel, Sonny and Faith for their exceptional leadership and coordination of the camp. A big thank you as well to all the camp counselors who supported our campers and made this summer filled with fun activities and lasting memories.

As we transition into the school year, we are thrilled to welcome 90 students to our school! We will be welcoming 18 new families and I am sure this will bring fresh ideas and energy as we embark on another journey together.

This year, our Parent Advisory Council (PAC), has planned a family potluck gathering on Sept. 10th. This event is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our community bonds while enjoying some fun in the sun. For our new families it is a great opportunity to meet other families and students and for returning families, it is a chance to reconnect with those you haven't seen over the summer break. We will be sending out a sign-up link for you to fill out which includes how many members of your family will attend and what food you will be bringing. Keep an eye out for Karli's email.

Additionally, I'd like to remind you about our mandatory in-person Parent Meeting, taking place on September 16th at 5:30pm. At least one parent from each family must attend. Please note that this meeting is for **adults only**, so be sure to arrange childcare in advance. Important information about the school year will be shared, and your participation is crucial.

We are excited to open the doors to another school year, and we're looking forward to working closely with each of you to make this school year a success.

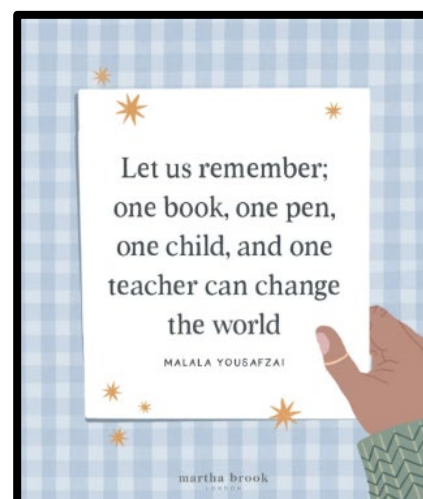
Best regards,

Carlene Chrumka

Chief Executive Officer

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IMPORTANT DATES

Fall 2025

Mark your calendars

- September 4 Classes Resume
- September 10 P.A.C. Family B.B.Q.
- September 12 Healthy Hunger (Subway)
- September 16 Parent Information Night
- September 19 [Non-instructional Day \(no school\)](#)
- September 25 Healthy Hunger (A&W)
- September 26 Crazy Hat / Crazy Hair Day
- September 30 Orange Shirt Day
- September 30 [National Truth & Reconciliation Day \(school open\)](#)
- October 2 Picture Day
- October 3 Healthy Hunger (McDonalds)
- October 6-9 Student Workshops (see page 3)
- October 10 [Non-instructional Day \(no school\)](#)
- October 13 Thanksgiving (no school)
- October 17 Healthy Hunger (Coco Brooks)
- October 31 Halloween – Jr/Sr High Dance

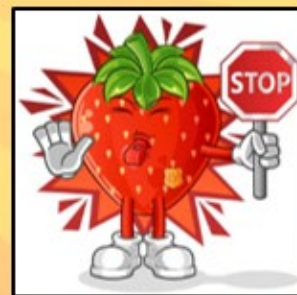


Allergy Awareness



We ask parents & staff to please be mindful of Students and Team Members with severe allergies who work and learn at Janus Academy.

Please consider carefully what you pack for snacks & lunch.





FIRST STUDENT WORKSHOPS

October 6 – 9, 2025

In 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. Workshops are split into 2 sets: Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday/Thursday.

Please refer to the schedule below for workshop attendance. If your child is NOT listed on a specific day, they are to stay home.

Oct 6 & 7	<u>Elementary Students to attend school</u> Anay, Anders, Cory, Cruz, Eashan, Ekene, Enzo, Gabriel, Hamza, Henry, Isaac, Isaak, Jake, Joshua-Thomas, Kasper, Maro, Matteo, Matthew, Mila, Nathan X., Reyansh, Siddhan, Wesam, Xianghan, Zeehan
Oct 6 & 7	<u>Jr/Sr. High Students to attend school</u> Alex, Andy, Arisa, Baljot, Chalisa, Cole, Evelyn, George, Gio, Harrison, Jessica, Jordan, Kiana, Kim, Liam C., Marcus, Nadia, Nurasyil, Olivia V., Parker, Sully, Vol
Oct 8 & 9	<u>Elementary Students to attend school</u> Afsa, Anahita, Arianah, Bella, Berry, Charlie, Clara, Connie, Daniel, Eden, Elyse, Gurinderpreet, Jared, Kaden, Kenneth, Koushan, Liam M., Mia, Mikhayla, Oliver, Olivia D., Olivia S., Rimshaa, Stella, Yalineee
Oct 8 & 9	<u>Jr/Sr. High Students to attend school</u> Adi, Attila, Chloe, Dylan, Edward, Ethan, Humayl, Joshua M., Liam D. Nathan T., Noah, Parsa, Sam, Sebastian, Tegh, William, Yuvan

If you have any questions regarding workshops, please feel free to contact the school.

Please note, we are unable to change your child's workshop dates due to scheduling difficulty. We hope by providing advance notice, that you will be able to accommodate these dates.

Thank you for your understanding.



EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT JANUS

Healthy Hunger

Save \$\$!
Lower prices
& FREE
delivery

Help your school fundraise and take a day off from making lunches... YOU DESERVE IT!

Register your child here:

<https://healthyhunger.ca/>

Upcoming Lunch Dates

- Sept 12 - Subway
- Sept 25 - A&W
- Oct 3 - McDonalds
- Oct 17 - CocoBrooks



SKIPTHEDEPOT

It's a door-to-door bottle collection service that makes refundable recycling and fundraising easier!

Just download the app and book a pickup using this link:

<https://app.skipthedepot.com/janus>

Then, place your bags outside.

Receive a refund or donate to us!



SkipTheDepot allows you to donate directly to Janus Academy!

Use promo code **JANUS100**

BACK TO SCHOOL SALE



Get your school gear here!



Toques



Hats/Caps



Jumbo Tote



Hip Pack



T-shirts
Adult/Youth



Hoodies
Adult/Youth



Sweatpants
Adult/Youth



Crewnecks
Adult/Youth

Lots of different styles AND colours to choose from!

1. Place your order and pay by Oct. 3 here:

<https://janusacademystore.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

2. Orders will be shipped to the school in 3-4 weeks.
3. Orders will be sent home or ready for pick up.



My name is Carlene Richardson. I'm a recent immigrant from Jamaica and I am really looking forward to building a new life here in Canada.

My Christian faith is an important part of who I am and keeps me grounded as I take on this new journey. I've been a Certificated Teacher for over fifteen years. Teaching is my passion, and I truly enjoy helping others to learn and grow.

Outside of work, I enjoy reading and watching television. I'm always open to new challenges whether that means learning something different, meeting new people, or simply adapting to new experiences.



Kids Having Fun!

Once again Janus Academy has partnered with Kids Up Front, a Calgary Non-Profit organization that provides FREE event opportunities to children and their families. With more than two million tickets distributed over the past 23 years, Kids Up Front is an organization like no other in Canada. They provide tickets to hundreds of partner agencies, like Janus Academy, from generous donors. Kids up Front, along with Janus Academy, help enrich the lives of kids and their families by giving them experiences to create memories together.

Watch your email for upcoming event opportunities from Kids Up Front.





Do you have a child heading into Grade 7 in the **2025–2026 school year**? Know a curious tween with big ideas and a love for discovery? Starting today, students across Calgary and surrounding areas can register for a **FREE Purple Galaxy Pass** to TELUS Spark Science Centre, **thanks to the generous support of TELUS Communications Inc.**

The Purple Galaxy Pass unlocks unlimited admission from August 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026, a full year of hands-on science, creativity and fun. With the pass, your student can explore:

- Interactive exhibits and creative maker labs
- Live science shows and immersive digital galleries
- Interactive VR experiences and the stunning Infinity Dome theatre
- The Brainasium Outdoor Park and more

How to claim the pass:

Students and their families can register online starting today. In addition to free admission, passholders also receive one discounted guest ticket per month at 25% off general admission.

It's a full year of science, technology, engineering, art, and math exploration, and it's completely free.

[Learn More](#)



Who's eligible?

Grade 7 students from Calgary and surrounding communities (within 40km), including:

- Calgary Board of Education
- Calgary Catholic School District
- Rocky View Schools
- The Siksika, Kainai, Piikani, Tsuut'ina, and Stoney Nakoda Nations.
- Airdrie, Chestermere, Okotoks, Cochrane, Bragg Creek, Diamond Valley, Langdon, Kermoo, and Cheadle.

By Director of Training: Yolande Daley



Lauren Schiwy- Training Coordinator
First two full days training new staff

CHECK YOUR
INBOX

The Learning Corner

Staff/Families/Community

PARENTS LUNCH AND LEARN 2025 & 2026

Stay tuned for more
information to
come.

- Tax Tips & Investment Strategies
- Understanding Behaviours of Concern
- Puberty & Growing Up
- Therapy play (social, emotional, & co-regulation)
- Beyond Words (supports for non-speakers)
- Waves of Emotions

STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

At Janus, learning never stops — not just for students, but for staff too! All members of the education team takes part in ongoing training throughout the year so they can bring fresh ideas, effective strategies, and develop personally and professionally.

Training this term focuses on:

- Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA): theory and strategies
- Safety intervention training
- Weekly training sessions
- Supervision, leadership and management development
- Personal development opportunities

Welcome to a New School Year!

I am delighted for a new year of learning and especially thrilled to welcome Lauren Schiwy to her new full-time role as Training Coordinator. Lauren will be working alongside me to further expand and strengthen the knowledge and skills rooted in Janus' teaching philosophy—both within the organization and in the community. With this partnership, there is no doubt that we will have an outstanding year of growth, learning, and collaboration.



"THE SIBLING CONNECTION"

We're eager to continue our Sibling Connection series, designed to help siblings of our Janus students grow, share, and thrive together. This year, we'll be offering four evening sessions just for siblings (ages 8+), beginning in **November**, with additional sessions in **January, April, and May**. Stay tuned for more details — it's a wonderful opportunity for siblings to connect, learn, and have fun in a supportive space created just for them!

Special Thank You

A big thank you to two of our returning students **Charlie** and **Nadia** for sharing their time and energy, which gave new staff the chance to practice important teaching strategies and social engagement skills in a real, hands-on way. For the past two years, we've seen how valuable it is to include students in this process. Their involvement makes the training more effective and practical.



WELCOME BACK TO THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM

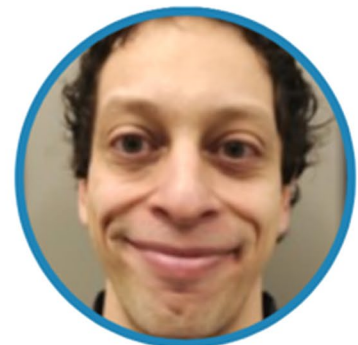
We are excited to continue working with our weekly multidisciplinary team. Fiona Perkins (BCBA), Tanya Sloane (SLP), and Alan Osiovich (OT). They will partner with our education team to provide classroom supports, consult on specific student needs, and offer practical training based on their area of expertise. Together, their collaboration strengthens how we connect disciplines to support every learner.



Tanya Sloane
Speech Language Pathologist
Pathways Pediatric Services



Fiona Perkins
Board Certified Behaviour
Analyst
Behaviourlytics Inc



Alan Osiovich
Occupational Therapist
Pathways Pediatric Services

THANK YOU!!

THANK YOU to **Friends of Janus Academy Association** for gifting \$2500 towards technology upgrades. 7 new chromebooks have been purchased for the students.

**TOTEM
CHARITABLE
FOUNDATION**

THANK YOU to **Totem Charitable Foundation** for granting \$10,000 to upgrade the safe room to a more secure and calming space.

THANK YOU to **CJ Campbell** for designating their winnings from the CHUBB charity golf tournament this summer to Janus Academy.

THANK YOU to the **Hunter Family Foundation** for their support of \$15,000 over 3-years to the Employment Readiness Program in partnership with Vecova.



THANK YOU to **Claire F.** and the Employee Engagement Team at **Best Buy** (SW location) for donating electronics for student use.

rh Robert Half THANK YOU to **Koula Vasilopoulos**, on behalf of **Robert Half** for securing an International Business Local Grant for over \$1600.

THANK YOU to our amazing **Summer Camp Bus Drivers!!!**

Board of Directors

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Our Vision

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

Our Mission

To empower and support persons with autism and their families, maximizing their quality of life by providing the model learning environment that meets their academic, social, and emotional needs.

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Nothing is impossible, the word itself says ‘I’m possible’!

AUDREY HEPBURN



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