



Janus Journal

September
2026

Janus Academy



September Greeting from Janus Academy

Hello Families and Staff,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year!

It is with great excitement that I welcome both our returning and new families, as well as our returning and new staff members, to another year at Janus Academy. Whether you are one of our 15 new families and students joining us for the first time or returning to a familiar community, we are grateful that you are part of the Janus family.

This year is especially meaningful as we celebrate Janus Academy's **30th Anniversary**. For three decades, our school has been dedicated to supporting students with autism and complex learning needs while building a community founded on compassion, excellence, and inclusion. Throughout the year, we will be hosting a variety of special events and celebrations to recognize this remarkable milestone, honor those who have contributed to our success, and celebrate the impact Janus Academy has had on countless students and families. We look forward to sharing these exciting opportunities with you.

Before we turn our attention fully to the new school year, I would like to congratulate our team on another outstanding Summer Camp program. The camp provided students with meaningful learning experiences, friendships, and memorable activities throughout the summer months. A special thank you goes to Angel, Sonny, and Faith for their leadership, coordination, and dedication in making the program such a tremendous success. Their hard work, along with the efforts of our camp staff, ensured a positive and engaging experience for all participants.

As we begin the year, I am also looking forward to working closely with our Parent Advisory Council. Strong partnerships between home and school are essential to student success. The Parent Advisory Council plays an important role in fostering communication, supporting school initiatives, and helping us strengthen the sense of community that makes Janus Academy so special. Together, we can continue to support our students, families, and staff in meaningful ways.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children and for being part of our community. I wish everyone a wonderful start to the school year and look forward to all that we will accomplish together as we celebrate this milestone year.

Warm regards,

Carlene Chrumka

Chief Executive Officer

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IMPORTANT DATES

Fall 2026

Mark your calendars

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| • September 8 | Classes Resume |
| • September 16 | New Parent School Information Meeting |
| • September 17 | Crazy Hat / Crazy Hair Day |
| • September 17 | Healthy Hunger - CocoBrooks |
| • September 18 | Non-instructional Day (no school) |
| • September 25 | Healthy Hunger – A&W |
| • September 30 | Orange Shirt Day |
| • September 30 | National Truth & Reconciliation Day (school open) |
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| • October 2 | Healthy Hunger – Opa of Greece |
| • October 2 | Picture Day for Students |
| • October 5-8 | Student Workshops (see page 3) |
| • October 9 | Non-instructional Day (no school) |
| • October 12 | Thanksgiving (no school) |
| • October 13 | Parent Teacher Conferences |
| • October 15 | Healthy Hunger – McDonalds |
| • October 29 | Healthy Hunger - Subway |
| • October 30 | 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 5 – 8, 2026

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 5 & 6	Elementary Students to attend school Amal, Anay, Anthony, Carter, Connie, Cory, Darian, Eden, Hamza, Henry, Isaak, Iyla, Jake, Jared, Jojo, Kasper, Koushan, Liam M, Mila W, Milena, Marwan, Nathan O, Prim, Rimshaa, Yalineee, Xianghan
Oct 5 & 6	Jr/Sr. High Students to attend school Adi, Baljot, Chalisa, Charlie, Chloe, Cole, Ekene, Elyse, Evelyn, Gio, Kent, Lillian, Luke, Marcus, Noah, Nurasyil, Olivia D, Olivia S. Olivia V., Parker, Sam, Sully, Tegh, Vol, William, Zaedyn
Oct 7 & 8	Elementary Students to attend school Afsa, Amina, Anahita, Anders, Aariah, Berry, Clara, Daisy, Daniel, Eashan, Enzo, Gurinderpreet, Jare, Josh, Kaden, Kenneth, Luca, Matteo, Mia, Matthew, Mikhayla, Nathan X, Oliver, Siddhan, Stella, Wesam
Oct 7 & 8	Jr/Sr. High Students to attend school Andy, Arisa, Attila, Bella, Dylan, Edward, Harrison, Humayl, Joshua M., Kim, Liam C., Liam D. Nathan T., Parsa, Sebastian, Yuvan, Zeehan

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.

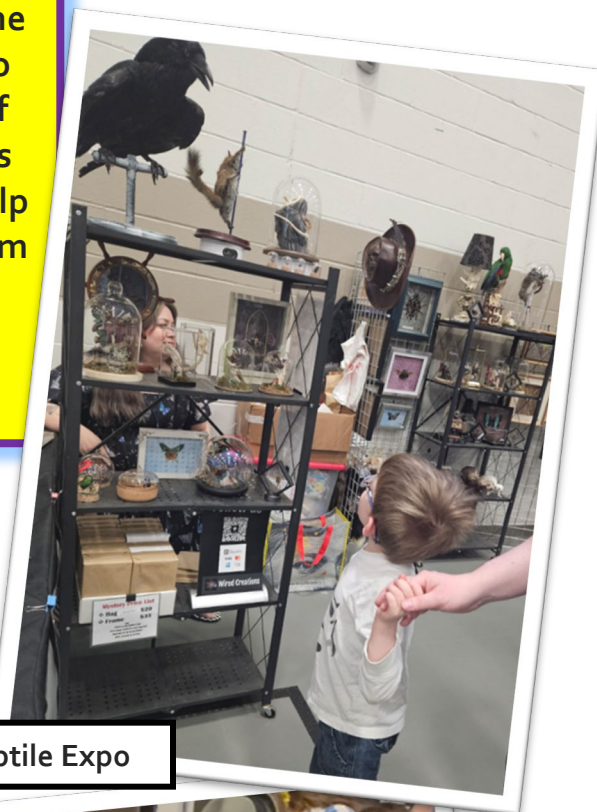
Thank you for your understanding.



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.



Reptile Expo



Calgary Surge Game



EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT JANUS

Save \$\$!
Lower prices
& FREE
delivery

Healthy Hunger

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 17 – CocoBrooks
- Sept 25 – A&W
- Oct 2 – Opa of Greece
- Oct 15 – McDonalds



SKIP THE DEPOT

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/register?org=janus&tab=customer>

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**



30TH ANNIVERSARY SALE

**Orders due Sunday, Sept. 13*



Hats/Caps



Totebag 18L



T-shirts



Full Zip Hoodies



Sweatpants



Hoodies

Lots of styles AND colours to choose from!

<https://login.commonsku.com/shop/019fb8fe-829f-72f8-a761-3849d749001b>

Orders will be shipped in approx. 3 weeks

Yolande Daley, Director of Training

The Learning Corner



2026 & 2027 STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Janus is committed to continuously improving the learning community for our education team. Learning opportunities aim to support staff professional practices and personal well-being.

Year at a glance:

- **First Aid and Safety Intervention** to strengthen safety preparedness.
- **Effective Teaching Procedures** to enhance instructional practices and student outcomes.
- **Proactive Support Strategies** to support diverse learner needs.
- **Wellness Sessions** focused on promoting self-care and well-being
- **Leadership Development** opportunities that foster collaboration, communication, and professional growth and much more.

NEW THIS YEAR

Welcome new and returning families. As the Director of Training at Janus Academy, my role is to work closely with families, educators, and support teams to provide guidance, training, and resources that help student success. Beyond the school I am here to support families by providing information, and strategies that can support you at home. I encourage you to reach out throughout the year, and I am looking forward to connecting with you all.

We are thrilled to share that our **Parent Lunch & Learn Sessions and Sibling Social Events are now open to the broader community**, helping us connect with and support even more families across Calgary and beyond. Be sure to check out the posters for full details, session topics, dates, and registration information for the 2026-2027 school year.

WELCOME BACK TO OUR STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM

We are delighted to welcome back our Student Support Team for the 2026-2027 school year: **Tanya Sloane (Speech-Language Pathologist)**, **Fiona Perkins (BCBA)**, **Alan Osiovch (Occupational Therapist)**, and **Caroline Westwood (Psychologist)**. Their expertise, and collaboration, were invaluable last year, and we are looking forward to continue building on that strong foundation.

As we begin another school year, we remain committed to a team-based approach that supports each student's growth, learning, and well-being, to thrive.



JANUS ACADEMY SIBLING SOCIAL



2026 & 2027 "Siblings" of Neurodivergent children Age 8 to 15

BOWLING EVENT



DATE: Wednesday, October 28th, 2026
TIME: 5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
DROP OFF LOCATION: Splitsville Bowling 2916 - 5 Avenue NE
COST: \$15
FACILITATORS: Janus Staff



Scan QR Code or click link for more details and to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/1995572361653?aff=oddtcreator>

ART CLASS & PARENT SESSION



DATE: Wednesday, November 25th 2026
TIME: 5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Janus Academy - 200, 403 - 33rd Street NE
PRESENTER: Keelin Wolff, Psychologist/Sibling
SESSION: "Balancing each child's needs"
ARTIST: Dan Clark
COST: \$25 sibling/parent In-person
COST: \$15 parent online option
FACILITATORS: Janus Staff



Scan QR code or Click link for more details and to register:

Sibling Art & Parent In-Person session registration link \$25
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/1995513601901?aff=oddtcreator>

Parent only online session registration link \$15 (6 pm-7pm)
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/1999181613021?aff=oddtcreator>

LET'S BAKE



DATE: Wednesday, January 20th, 2027
TIME: 5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Janus Academy - 200, 403 - 33rd Street NE
COST: Free
FACILITATORS: Janus Staff

Scan QR code or Click link for more details and to register:



<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/1995519020107?aff=oddtcreator>

MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA

DATE: Wednesday, April 28th, 2027
TIME: 5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Janus Academy - 200, 403 - 33rd Street NE
COST: \$10

FACILITATORS: Janus Staff

Scan QR Code or Click link for more details and to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/1995573307482?aff=oddtcreator>



OUTDOOR FUN!

DATE: Wednesday, May 26th 2027
TIME: 5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Janus Academy - 200, 403 - 33rd Street NE
COST: Free
FACILITATORS: Janus Staff



Scan QR Code or Click link for more details and to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/1995574406770?aff=oddtcreator>



TESTIMONIALS

The Siblings Events have truly meant a lot to Ziya. Every single time he comes home lighter, happier, and more understood. These events give them room to share their struggles, but also to feel proud of the role they play in their families.

Fatima Murji -Janus parent

The organizer does an incredible job creating a safe, friendly environment for my daughter to connect with other peers who know exactly what it feels like to have a sibling with special needs, and all the emotional complexities that come with it.

Betsy Adkins -Janus parent

For more information contact: yolande.daley@janusacademy.org 403-262-3333 Ext 1011



2026 & 2027 PARENT LUNCH AND LEARN



At Janus Academy, we believe that no family should navigate their journey alone. Our parent sessions create opportunities for families to connect, ask questions, and learn together. Through these sessions, we hope to strengthen our community, build meaningful relationships, and provide ongoing support for families of autistic and other neurodivergent children and youth.

DEVELOPING LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION IN NON-SPEAKING AUTISTIC CHILDREN

Presenter: Tanya Sloane, Speech Language Pathologist

Date: Tuesday October 6th, 2026

Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

Location: Online



Scan QR code or Click link for more details and to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/1998659907586?aff=oddtcreator>

WHY SKILLS DON'T ALWAYS NATURALLY GENERALIZE FOR AUTISTIC CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Presenter: Fiona Perkins
Board Certified Behavior Analyst

Date: Thursday November 19th, 2026

Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

Location: Online



Scan QR code or Click link for more details and to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/1998659583617?aff=oddtcreator>

UNLOCKING THE RDSP: UP TO \$90,000 IN GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE



Presenter: Harpinder Sidhu,
Licensed Financial Advisor

Date: December 2nd, 2026

Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

Location: Online

Scan QR code or Click link for more details and to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/1999740141595?aff=oddtcreator>

GROWING AND CHANGING: A CONVERSATION ABOUT PUBERTY FOR NEURODIVERGENT YOUTH



Presenter: Primary Care Alberta

Date: Wednesday January 13th, 2027

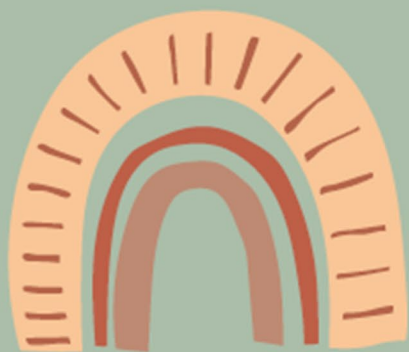
Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

Location: Online

Scan QR code or Click link for more details and to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/1999740682212?aff=oddtcreator>

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Thank You!



Thank you to CJ Campbell for designating \$2,000 to Janus Academy from the CHUBB charity golf tournament this summer!

Thank you to Intact Insurance for their generous \$1000 donation! And thanks again to CJ Campbell for nominating Janus for Intact's Community Impact Partnership Program!

Thank you to Chris Parker for helping to ensure our school vehicles are kept safe and secure during the summer months.

Thank you, George Veress, for driving campers around this summer. We appreciate you!



Thank you to our amazing supporters along with The Rogers Charity Classic and Birdies for Kids for matching donations by up to 50%. Your generosity is making a meaningful difference in the lives of our students!

Thank you to the Summer Camp Leads for ensuring the Studio, Studio Storage, Learning Commons, and Consumer Science were all ready for use for our start of the year activities.



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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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