



Janus Journal

October
2026

Janus Academy



October Greeting from Janus Academy

Hello Families and Staff,

I am very pleased to share that the 2026-2027 school year is off to a successful start with students returning with enthusiasm, positivity, and a readiness to learn. Classrooms are already buzzing with meaningful learning experiences, new friendships, and opportunities for growth; and the Parent Meeting evening for 'new to Janus' parents/guardians was well attended with valuable information being shared.

The school year will feature several Spirit and community-building events. The first Spirit event, Crazy Hat/Crazy Hair Day, has been a student favorite and provided a fun opportunity to celebrate creativity and school pride. We also recognized Orange Shirt Day along with National Day for Truth and Reconciliation through learning activities centered on the message "Every Child Matters". This important learning opportunity helped foster understanding, respect, and reconciliation. Throughout the fall, students can also look forward to Friendsgiving celebrations and Halloween activities. The Remembrance Day Assembly will be on November 10, so please save the date.

Student Workshops play an important role in building Education Team member skills when working with the students. Please make every effort to have your child attend school on their designated days. See page 3 of this newsletter.

Parent-Teacher Conferences also take place this month. These conferences provide an invaluable opportunity to strengthen the partnership between home and school. We encourage all parents/guardians to participate in a conference and book a time that works best for them.

The IPP process is underway and the draft IPP will be sent mid month in paper form along with assessments for Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics/Numeracy for your review and comments. The final IPP will follow at the end of the month and be the document to be frequently referred to as well as reviewed with comments being shared throughout the school year.

The month of October signifies the true settling into the return to school routines and experiences for students and staff. Predictability often encourages risk taking and trying new things to really excite the learner in all of us. Thank you for your continued partnership, trust, and involvement in your child's education. We look forward to working together throughout the year.

Warm regards,

Stacey Oliver

Principal

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IMPORTANT DATES

Fall 2026

Mark your calendars



- 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 \(no school\)](#)
- October 15 Healthy Hunger – McDonalds
- October 29 Healthy Hunger – Subway
- October 30 Halloween – Jr/Sr High Dance
- November 4 Picture Retakes & Grad Photos
- November 6 Healthy Hunger – A&W
- November 11 [Remembrance Day \(no school\)](#)
- November 20 Healthy Hunger – Edo Japan
- November 26 Healthy Hunger - TacoTime
- November 30 [Non-instructional Day \(no school\)](#)



September Highlights at Janus



Our first Janus Jamboree customer of 2026-2027!

From unicorns to bears to lobsters, Janus Academy celebrated our first Spirit Day in style. Everyone always looks forward to Crazy Hat / Crazy Hair Day every year!





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	<u>Elementary Students to attend school</u> 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	<u>Jr/Sr. High Students to attend school</u> Adi, Baljot, Chalisa, Charlie, Chloe, Cole, Ekene, Elyse, Evelyn, Gio, Kent, Lillian, Luke, Marcus, Noah, Nurasyi, Olivia D, Olivia S. Olivia V., Parker, Sam, Sully, Tegh, Vol, William, Zaedyn
Oct 7 & 8	<u>Elementary Students to attend school</u> Afsa, Amina, Anahita, Anders, Arianah, 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	<u>Jr/Sr. High Students to attend school</u> 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!

From empty seats to unforgettable adventures.....

When John Dalziel looked around Calgary's Saddledome one night in 1999, he saw more than a sea of empty seats. He saw possibility. Why not put those unused tickets into the hands of kids who may never have the chance to be there live when the hometown team wins a big game or when their favourite band comes to town?

Kids Up Front was created in Calgary in 2000 and now has locations across the country. To date, they have provided more than 653,000 experiences valued at over \$21M to Calgary kids and families. The KUF foundation strives to provide every kid with a larger-than-life experience that fosters possibilities, passion, dreams, belonging, and self-confidence.

Kids Up Front Calgary provides experiences to deserving children and youth in the Calgary area. KUF believes all kids should have access to enriching experiences like arts, culture, and sporting events. Attendance at events like these helps to foster feelings of inclusion and belonging in the children we help. Kids Up Front reaches children in need through our innovative program by distributing donated tickets, classes, and passes to more than 170 partner agencies in the Calgary area.



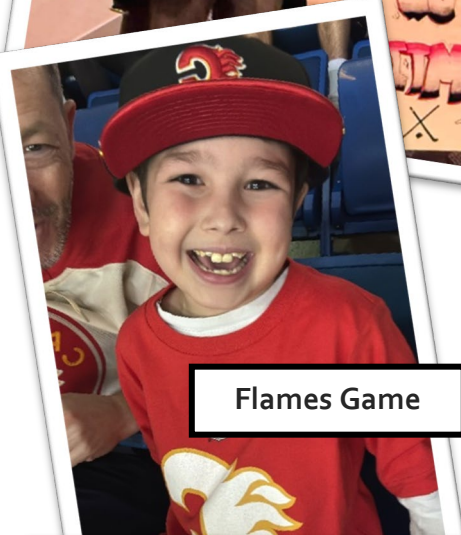
Monster Jam



Flames Game



Hitmen Game



Flames Game



Alberta Ballet





Free Physical Activity & Fitness Program

Offered by GoodLife Kids Foundation for youth ages **12 - 21 with autism & intellectual disabilities.**

● MOVE BY GOODLIFE KIDS ● MOVE BY GOODLIFE KIDS ● MOVE BY GOODLIFE KIDS ●



Calgary Deerfoot City, GoodLife Fitness Club

2120 64 Ave NE
Calgary, AB T2E 7P4



Class Times:

Mondays: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Sundays: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm



Adaptive Fitness

In small class settings



Trained Coaches

Certified fitness professionals



Earn Rewards

Through participation milestones



Register at:

www.goodlifekids.com/move
or scan QR code

Question?

Send us an Email at:
move@goodlifekids.com



INDIGO
ALERT
C A N A D A

SEE IT.
SHARE IT.
BRING THEM HOME.



PETITION TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

SAFER TOGETHER. ALWAYS ALERT.

Help create a national missing persons alert framework that protects vulnerable people when every moment matters.



WHY IT MATTERS

- ✓ Immediate risks for vulnerable people when they go missing
- ✓ Existing systems have gaps that leave people at risk
- ✓ A national approach can save lives
- ✓ Families and communities are calling for change



WHO IT PROTECTS

- ✓ People with autism
- ✓ Non-speaking individuals
- ✓ People with intellectual or developmental disabilities
- ✓ Anyone who may wander or go missing



E-PETITION

e-7703
(PUBLIC SAFETY)

Initiated by
Jennifer Ball from
Calgary, Alberta

Original language
of petition: English



SIGN TODAY. SHARE WIDELY.
Stronger alerts.
Safer communities.



SCAN TO SIGN
PETITION e-7703

[ourcommons.ca/petitions/en/
Petition/Details?Petition=e-
7703](https://ourcommons.ca/petitions/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-7703)



ROOM 1

OCTOBER 2026

Socialization & Making Friends

In socialization, students have been working on recognizing and remembering their peers by name, looking toward peers when passing items, taking turns, and using friendly ways to greet one another. Students have also been practicing copying their peers' movements during songs, games, and group activities. These skills help build safety, familiarity and shared attention.

Students have also been developing associative play skills by learning to share the same materials and play space with their peers. Activities have included using playsets with shared animals and people, as well as play food with a single plate to encourage students to share materials, take turns, and engage alongside one another.

These activities provide opportunities for students to practice interacting with peers while participating in enjoyable and meaningful play.



Our Classrooms Thank You

Attila's family



Olivia's family



Ekene's family



Charlie's family



Keegan – Practicum Student

Cole's family



Enter a Draw for a Tricycle



A former Janus Family has a 3 wheeled bike they would like to offer to our Janus families. The tricycle is located in the SW and you would have to pick it up. If you are interested in obtaining this tricycle for your child, please email your name to tamara.stuart@janusacademy.org and your name will be put into a draw. Draw deadline is October 9, 2026.

Dimensions: The tricycle is 68 inches long, 30 wide at its widest point, (the basket) and 44 inches tall at the handlebars.



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>

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>

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>

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

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Save the Date – 30th Anniversary Gala ✨

We're looking forward to celebrating 30 years of Janus Academy with our incredible community at the 2027 Gala: **A Starry Night!**

We're currently finalizing the date and are working to move the event from a Thursday to a Friday evening.

Stay tuned for the official date announcement and celebrity guest speaker coming soon!

It's going to be a special evening celebrating 30 years of impact and looking ahead to the next 30. We can't wait to celebrate with you!



Auction

A big thank you to the families who have already started reaching out & collecting donations for our upcoming auction! Your support and connections are helping make our 30th Anniversary Gala extra special. Some of the items we have already received:

- Fairmont Banff Springs Stay
- Skylight Calendar
- Best Buy Gift Cards
- Theatre Tickets
- Aura Digital Frame
- Porch gift card
- National Music Centre passes
- Classroom 2 & 6 baskets additions
- Backyard games



THANK YOU!!!



A massive thank you to Colliers for donating \$50,000 to Janus Academy from their annual charity golf tournament! This is our 3rd year as a recipient of their generous donations.



Thank you Market Mall Old Navy for the kind donations to Janus!

Thank you to Stevie West & her family for donating a lemonade stand to be used as the Janus Jamboree storefront.

Thank you to the Canada Post Community Foundation for granting Janus Academy \$5000 for sensory upgrades around the school!



Canada Post
Community
Foundation

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communautaire
de Postes Canada



Thank you to Bill for his creativity in building the robot backpacks for individual identification.



Thank you to Steven Schiwy for your help in fixing our chromebooks.



Board of Directors

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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.

Our Vision

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

"Halloween is not only about putting on a costume, but it's about finding the imagination and costume within ourselves!"

-Chris Duran



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