

| get ready | back to school



On Sept. 5, we welcome our students to the 2017-18 school year at Robert Thirsk School. In this handout, you will find the answers to many of your back to school questions.

First day of classes

Our first day of classes is Sept. 5 and we will have a staggered entry as follows:

Grade 10: 8:30am

New to RTHS Grade 11 & 12: 11:00am – meet in the theatre

Returning Grade 11 & 12: Noon

A pancake breakfast will be served to our Grade 10s at the beginning of the day and a hotdog BBQ lunch (donations to Grad Charity accepted) will be available for all students at noon.

School start and end times and timetable

Our bell times and class times are [here](#).

School Calendar

We are a school that follows the traditional calendar:

<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/registration/calendars/Documents/2017-2018-Traditional-Calendar.pdf>

Registration information

The school office opens at **noon** on Monday, Aug. 28 for new registrations.

Guidance staff will be available by appointment or a walk-in basis for new students at the following times:

Monday Aug. 28	Noon – 4:00pm
Tuesday Aug. 29	8:00am – 4:00pm
Thursday Aug. 31	8:00am – 4:00pm
Friday Sept. 1	8:00am – noon

Please have the complete package prepared so that we can proceed with the registration.

Robert Thirsk registration packages are available here:

<http://schools.cbe.ab.ca/b880/registration.htm>

Please visit the CBE registration page for general registration details and registration forms. <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/registration/registration/Pages/default.aspx>

School Photos and IDs

Lifetouch will be taking school photos and issuing ID cards during the first week of classes.

Fees and Waivers

School fees are due beginning in September. Online fee payment is the simplest and most convenient way to pay school fees. Parents can login to [My CBE Account](#) to pay fees or apply for a waiver.

There are a number of different ways you are able to pay school fees. Parents can pay online using VISA, MasterCard, VISA Debit, Interac Online or set-up pre-authorized debits from your bank account using your [My CBE Account](#).

You can find more information on school fees and waivers here:

<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/registration/fees-and-waivers/Pages/default.aspx>

Yellow School Bus Transportation

The pre-registration deadline for yellow school bus transportation closed at midnight on Sunday, June 11. Routes for the 2017-18 school year are created over the summer based on the addresses submitted before the cut off. Pre-registrations are still accepted and families planning to use yellow school bus service are encouraged to continue to pre-register using [My CBE Account](#).

Yellow school bus route maps will be posted by Aug. 10 for modified calendar schools and Aug. 30 for traditional calendar schools.

In October, a confirmation email will be sent to all parents/guardians who have submitted a pre-registration. It will include transportation fee information and payment options (if applicable). Families can cancel their pre-registration with no financial penalty by responding to the email or canceling using [My CBE Account](#) by Oct. 31, 2017.

More information about 2017-18 transportation service levels and fees are posted on the CBE website: <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/news-centre/Pages/2017-18-transportation-service-levels-and-fees.aspx>.

Conditional riders can also register using [My CBE Account](#). Applications will be considered after eligible rides registrations have been processed.

Calgary Transit

Bus routes and times will be available from [Calgary Transit](#), or from the school office.

Further information

We look forward to a great year ahead. If you have any questions that we haven't addressed here, contact us at: robertthirskhigh@cbe.ab.ca or 403-817-3400. The school office will be open from noon on Aug. 29.

For further Calgary Board of Education back-to-school information click here:
<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/registration/back-to-school/Pages/back-to-school.aspx>