## Parent teacher conferences

## **Primary school**

Parent Teacher Conferences in the Primary School at CIS provide opportunities for parents to learn about their child's learning, social and emotional progress to date along with next steps for growth. The major topic of discussion at these meetings is the child. Parents and teachers look closely at the student's strengths, progress, development and needs within the school's program. It is a time to gather / share information about the child and help define the role of the student, parent and teacher in the learning process. At CIS, parents and teachers also develop next steps for the student for the year. This helps focus everyone involved in a particular child on key areas that may need developing.

Primary School Parent-Teacher Conferences are held two times a school year, one in the fall and one in the spring. Student-Led Conferences are held in May. School is not in session during conferences and therefore, students are not expected. As students are a major part of the Student-Led Conferences, they are expected to come with their parents for the conference itself.

The fall Parent-Teacher Conference is a start to developing a partnership with an environment of open communication between the family and the school that lasts throughout the year and the child's time at CIS. We believe education is a collaborative effort between the students, parents and teachers. As such, we use the Parent-Teacher Conferences as a beginning conversation that continues throughout the year. The spring conference is an opportunity to follow up with goals from the fall as well as to review progress and set goals for the end of the year.

**During the spring (only)**, the Parent/Teacher Conferences in both Grades 4 & 5 will be in the form of 3 Way Conferences. Students are an integral part of the goal setting process and are required to attend the conference with their parents.

## Secondary school

Parent Conferences are held twice a year during the first quarter and third quarter. Both conferences are student led with the first conference focusing on goal setting for the year and the second on student progress.