

## NEWSLETTER

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### Memory Work!

**“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example to the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.”**

**1 Timothy 4:12**

**“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” Psalm 119:105**

**“My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.... then you will understand what is right and just and fair – every good path.” Proverbs 2: 1-5, 9**

A few weeks ago, a colleague at morning devotions reminded us of the importance of memory work. I must admit I balked a little at his suggestion and argued that it is more important to know the context than the actual verse and where it could be found. As I continued to reflect on his suggestion, I find myself with a renewed

commitment to memory work.

In Math class I expect students to know their basic times tables and be able to do a significant amount of “mental” math without a calculator. Math students who have the basics memorized often find it much easier to tackle the tougher concepts when the fundamentals are committed to memory. I have often been impressed with Pastors who have committed to memory much of scripture not as a sign of how spiritual they are, but rather reflective of the time they spend studying God’s word and gleaning the wisdom contained within. This is not a task only for those called to ministry but to each of us committed to being His image bearers.

I often remind students to start with what you know. Take some time to do an inventory of passages you learned while in church, school and the home. Write those down and recommit these to re-memorization. Then begin to search scripture looking for new nuggets of truth, text to study and memorize. At a wedding a few weeks ago a parent spoke of their family verse which has served as a foundation to their family for the last 30 years. Does your family have a verse, a foundational text which has served as a source of strength? If not, take some time with your spouse and perhaps children, and find one. Memorize it together and it will serve you well in the years ahead.

**“But as for me and my house we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15**

Mr. Brandsma

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## Board Notes

Our three year Education plan has now been approved!

The Lacombe Christian School and Ponoka Christian School grade 8 and 9 students visited our school on March 4, 2015. Leah Winkel (Vanderkooi – class of '96) spoke to the students.

Mr. Brandsma will be visiting Ponoka Christian School and Lacombe Christian School in April to speak to them about CACHS and what it has to offer.

Carolyn Snipes-Hoyt, Peter Hoekstra, and several parents and students will be embarking on their trip to Europe on March 26<sup>th</sup> and returning on April 4<sup>th</sup>. We pray for a safe and exciting time away as they take in the culture and history of Paris, Barcelona, and Provence!

Sue Stang  
Board Secretary

## Financial Update for March 2015

We received our second payment from the Alberta government for our grant money and this brings us to 70%. We will receive the balance of our grant money near the end of August, 2015.

With the Alberta government's budget coming out on March 26<sup>th</sup>, I have begun working on budget numbers for our new budget that will be presented to the Society in May.

Wendy Barnes  
Business Administrator

## Sick, Late or an Appointment

If your child is sick, running late or has an appointment, please inform the school office first thing in the morning by phone at 403-782-4535 or by email at [office@cachs.ca](mailto:office@cachs.ca) Thank you!

## A Great Big Thank You!!

Lacombe and District Big Brother Big Sisters would like to thank the girls and boys basketball teams for volunteering their time to help out with our main fundraising event this past March. BBBS is a non-profit organization that provides positive adult mentors for elementary age children both in and out of school. In order to maintain our programming we run a Wii bowling event. The girls and boys teams brought in the equipment, set it up and ran the event with many screaming excited students. Many hands were needed to make this a successful event. Thank you Knights!!

Lacombe and District Big Brothers Big Sisters

## Wolf Creek Bussing

Wolf Creek Transportation has advised us that they will provide bussing on May 29<sup>th</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup> for CACHS students who normally ride their busses.



**Subway Cards** are available at the school office for \$10.00. **They expire June 20, 2015.** All monies raised will be used for sports related activities that no fees are collected for.

## Library News

Spring Break begins this week, yet we are once again shoveling snow. They say that the temperatures will rise and it will all melt so hopefully we will soon see tulips and crocuses. We all have this desire for the new, and the renewed sense of hope that the change of seasons bring.

If you are not headed to France or Mexico or elsewhere during spring break, you will need something to occupy your time. Of course I have a few suggestions for reading material. I have been showcasing series these past few weeks and here are a few that I have enjoyed.

“The Series of Seven” and the “Seven Sequel”. These are a unique series of books that follow seven grandsons, whose grandfather leaves behind an unusual will that outlines seven tasks he has chosen for them. The authors Eric Walters, John Wilson, Ted Staunton, Richard Scrimger, Norah McClintock, Sigmund Brouwer and Shane Peacock bring their signature writing styles to a series of adventures that take readers from the top of Kilimanjaro to the bottom of the Mediterranean. These well known authors have again picked up the challenge and produced “the Seven Sequel”. We follow these seven young men on their journey to discover who their grandfather was.

If you enjoy a good mystery, then Lynnete Eason is your girl. She has written a few series but “the Hidden Identity” series is the newest to our collection. In the first book you will follow a young bride into a world of covert intrigue as she looks for her missing husband.

Another series of books all based on our old beloved “fairy” tales is written by Melanie Dickerson. The series “Fairy Tale Romance Series”, takes a new twist on Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella, Beauty and the Beast, and the lesser known Rose Red and Rose White. There are three new books that have been recently released.

Take a minute and enjoy the pleasure of a good book, a cherished friend and a cup of coffee.

Yvonne Reed  
Librarian

## CACHS Catering

We have received numerous requests for bookings for this year. However, we are only able to do one banquet on a weekend and only two functions a month so if you would like to book us, please call as soon as possible as we work on a first come first serve basis.

April 11 – Ponoka Christian School Auction lunch –  
12 noon

May 9 – Wedding dinner at Lincoln Hall  
(Sarah Stad)

June 6 – Wedding dinner at Parkland Reformed  
Church (Michael Prins & Jessica Peters)

June 26 – CACHS grad

July 11 – Birthday at Bethel CRC Lacombe

July 17 – Wedding dinner at LMC Lacombe

August 22 – Wedding dinner - Lacombe

If you are able to help serve and/or clean up at any of our functions, please contact Anne Siebenga. Please consider volunteering a couple hours of your time to help at one of our functions. The school and **ALL** the students benefit from the funds raised. Please call Emma Den Oudsten if you wish to book CACHS Catering services.

Members of CACHS Catering are:

Emma Den Oudsten

Jennette Oosterink

Clase van Iperen

Rosemary Vander Ploeg

Ester Verhoef

Emma Den Oudsten

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## Europe Trip 2015 -

We're off! Well almost. By the time you receive this newsletter we will be well on our way and enjoying our trip. If you would like to follow along with our travels, be sure to check out the CACHS Facebook as our itinerary is there. We ask for your prayers as we travel and look forward to sharing our stories when we return.

Blessings,

Carolyn Snipes-Hoyt and Peter Hoekstra

Coordinators for the 2015 Europe Trip

## *Extra Cookie Dough & Cinnamon Buns for Sale*

The grade 12 graduating class recently held their cookie dough/cinnamon bun fundraiser and we have some extras available. If you are interested in purchasing some, please contact the school at 403-782-4535.

Extra cookie dough - \$15/tub

2 - Chocolate chunk

7 - Ginger Crinkle

1 - Monster cookies

5 - White chocolate macadamia nut

3 - Oatmeal coconut chocolate chunk

1 - Oatmeal raisin spice

5 - Shortbread

Extra cinnamon buns - \$12 each

2 boxes - Cinnamon Buns with Cream cheese icing

## *Calendar*

March 26 to April 4 – Europe trip

March 26 – April 6 – Spring Break

April 7 – Classes resume

April 10 – First report card of second semester

April 13 – Mr. Brandsma to visit Grade 9's at  
Ponoka Christian School – 11 am

April 16 – Mr. Brandsma to visit Grade 9's at  
Lacombe Christian School – 11 am

April 16 – Parent/teacher interviews after school and  
evening

April 17 – Parent/teacher interviews in morning  
- No school

April 20, 21 & 22 – Grad pictures at CACHS

April 22 – Pizza/Parent Information evening at  
CACHS – 7 pm

May 1 – Fashion Show

- Staff collaboration day

- No school

June 26 – Graduation