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“Count Your Blessings”

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, ‘and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.’” Malachi 3:10

The other night I was walking home after a busy day at school during a busy time of the year and life seemed awfully busy. I walked by Cranna Lake and noticed the peacefulness of the water and its surrounding and I lamented that I was “busy”. Then a small still voice in the recesses of my brain was heard which said in very clear terms, “Quit whining. You are so blessed,” and I began the process of reminding myself of how incredibly blessed I am.

In a book by James Bryan Smith entitled, The Good and Beautiful God the author suggests we list our blessings beside our concerns and see how they measure out. One of the benefits of service projects, mission trips, and other opportunities to serve is to begin to appreciate the blessings we receive. We may lament what we don't have but we will have a difficult time holding to that lament, when we begin to recognize and appreciate all we do have.

In times of budget cuts, of job insecurities, of rising costs of living, perhaps it's time to begin those lists which reveal a faithful God who has blessed us with so much that at times we become spoiled, entitled children. By the time I walked into my yard that evening, I was made aware of how misguided I was in my feeling sorry for myself. *“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. **In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.**”* John 16:33. The context may be different but the promise remains constant. We will have some concerns in this world, some may even set us back on our heels and call for adjustments. However God is faithful and true. He will provide if we are actively doing His will.

“Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your many blessings, see what God has done!”

P.S. While you are counting your blessings, consider how you too can be a blessing. It really then becomes a matching gift.

Mr. Brandsma

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 Thank you!

Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. 1Timothy 4:12

Board Notes

We look forward to our Spring Society Meeting on May 21, 2015 at 7:30 pm. We encourage parents to attend this meeting to inform you on new board member nominations, the proposed budget for 2015/16, the school review report, strategic planning and other items as well.

Sue Stang
Board Secretary

Financial Update for April 2015

The Alberta Government's budget came out on March 26th. As the budget will not be final until after the election, I have been working on getting numbers together for when the government budget is approved. We are hopeful to have a budget to present to the Society at the spring society meeting.

Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

Wolf Creek Bussing

Wolf Creek Transportation has advised us that they will provide bussing on May 29th and June 12th 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.

Drama 20/30 Presentation

The Drama 20/30 class will be presenting *And A Child Shall Lead* by Michael Slade on June 3rd and 4th. The play will be presented in the CACHS Gym with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. and the play beginning at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 each and are available through the school office – 403-782-4535.

And A Child Shall Lead "...is the heroic and true story of children coming of age in Terezin, the "Jewish city" established by the Nazis near Prague as a way station before the death camps. In the face of unspeakable horror, these children use their determination and creativity to build lives filled with hope and beauty – playing, studying, making art, and writing an underground newspaper – all at the peril of being executed. Their actual poems and stories are woven into a fast-paced drama, evoking the universality of children caught in the insanity of war."

Library News

Library News will be back next month.

Yvonne Reed
Librarian

Calendar

- May 1- Staff collaboration day
 - No school
- May 15 – Staff collaboration day – no school
- May 18 – Victoria Day – no school
- May 21 – Society meeting – 7:30 pm
- June 3 & 4 – Drama 20/30 presentation at CACHS
- June 12 – English 30-1 and 30-2 exam – Part A
- June 15 – Social 30-1 and 30-2 Exam – Part A
- June 17 – English 30-1 and 30-2 Exam – Part B
- June 18 – Social 30-1 and 30-2 Exam – Part B
- June 19 – 22 – Grade 10 and 11 school exams
- June 22 – Biology 30 exam
- June 25 – Physics 30 exam
- June 26 – Graduation

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.

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

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
CACHS Catering

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
7 - Ginger Crinkle
1 - Monster cookies
4 - White chocolate macadamia nut
1 - Oatmeal coconut chocolate chunk
5 - Shortbread
Extra cinnamon buns - \$12 each
2 boxes - Cinnamon Buns with Cream cheese icing

Career Corner - April 2015

Here is more from “Educating for Life Today and Tomorrow – a resource Manual for High School Guidance” published by Christian School Canada.

“In finding their vocations and careers, students are not only taught certain skills and processes, but are also guided to conform their aspirations to the principle of glorifying God – to seek His kingdom in all matters. Finding an educational or career path becomes a matter for prayer and consultation with parents, guardians and fellow Christians.”

Grade 12 students are facing the end of their high school education and determining the correct path is a daunting challenge. Although they are excited to be moving forward, it is stressful. We at CACHS continue to hold all the students in our prayers as they continue to learn and make decisions.

I have handed out the 2015 Scholarship and Financial Information booklet to the grade 12 students. All of the CACHS scholarships are detailed inside along with information in regards to other scholarships and the student loan program. If you have any questions, please contact me.

ALL students will be attending Red Deer College on April 30th for Career Expo 2015. They will be bussed from the school to attend where there will be interactive displays, over 90 exhibitors and hands on activities.

Skills Canada Alberta will be hosting Alberta’s largest Trade and Technology Career Fair on May 13-14 at the Edmonton EXPO Centre. Check out skillsalberta.com for more information about this event.

Veronica Den Oudsten
Career Counselor

Europe Trip 2015

This trip has now taken place. The entire trip went very smoothly, with no participants getting lost – quite a feat for a group of over 40 trekking through European cities! All participants learned how to use the Metro systems in both Paris and Barcelona, a skill that will serve them well for future trips to

wider-flung destinations, among many other travel skills. Beyond that, participants were exposed to a world that has shaped ours, although the resemblance with Central Alberta is not that apparent. We live in wide open spaces, and we were, for the most part, experiencing world-class urbanization.

In addition, our students got to see first-hand several sites that figure prominently in their Social Studies courses and in our collective cultural heritage, and from various eras: for example, from Antiquity, Roman ruins in Paris and Arles; from the medieval period, Notre-Dame cathedral, the Gothic palace in Avignon, and walled city of Carcassonne; from the era Louis XIV and signifying the high point of monarchical power, the palaces of the Louvre and Versailles; from the French Revolution, the place de la Concorde, where Louis XVI and Marie-Antoinette were executed; from the nineteenth-century marked by the Industrial Revolution, la Gare d'Orsay, a former railroad station now transformed into an Art museum, and the results of Gustave Eiffel's engineering feat which still stands today as a symbol of Paris – the Eiffel Tower.

Our theme this year was Protestants in France – a unique emphasis in a country that has a strong Catholic tradition. But that has not always been the case. King Henri IV of France (called “de Navarre,” that is, from a region that is now Northern Spain) in the late 16th and early 17th centuries, was actually a Protestant who converted to Catholicism, in order to bring peace to France, at a time when the two factions were entrenched in a deep conflict. In Paris, we walked by the beautiful protestant temple, the Oratoire du Louvre and noted that Jean Calvin studied Catholic theology at the Sorbonne in Paris before he was impressed to go another direction with his Christian beliefs. We even attended Sunday services in a Protestant church in Paris, an early 20th century Lutheran church near our hotel, called “Ascension”. To the surprise of their tiny congregation, 40 of us showed up for the Palm Sunday service. Pastor Tournefier called our presence “un miracle”! Students and adults who had studied French could understand the service – some more and some less. We could all follow the words in the hymnals that were distributed to us, everyone joining on the beautiful Alleluja chorus. And, at the end of the service, our 11th graders, and some others,

could all repeat the Lord's Prayer in French with the congregation. What a blessing to worship with like-minded church-goers from a very different culture!

The next day we took the high-speed train (TGV) south to Avignon, where the Palace of the Popes is located, which served as the residence for French Popes during the Great Schism of the Catholic church. One of those medieval popes, Benedict XII, gained his status in the Church, in large part, as a result of his thorough investigation and organization of a trial, during the Albigensian Crusade, of members of a group of “heretics” (in the view of Catholic orthodoxy) known as the Cathars. Well before what we know as the Protestant Reformation, these people wished to read the New Testament in their own language (rather than the Latin of Church liturgy). Taking as a model the early Christian Church described there, they desired a return to the joy of joining with small groups from all walks of life to contemplate the words of Jesus and strive for the spiritual realms.

We in fact drove through what is termed “Cathar Country” in Southwestern France, where these small groups thrived, where they were persecuted for their beliefs. Many were taken as prisoners to Carcassonne, a medieval walled city which we visited. This part of France also harbored enclaves of another early heretical group – the Waldensees – and members of that group (originating in Lyon, France) were also targeted. Almost a million of these courageous worshippers perished, with many burned at the stake.

After that, we drove on to Barcelona, where we spent a couple of days, learning another subway system, and becoming acquainted with the works of artists and architects from that city – Picasso and Gaudi, in particular. Our last visit was to the church of the Sagrad Familia (The Holy Family). The architect Gaudi, a very devout Christian, continued working on this building with his crew of workers until his death, and the project continues today, with the hope of completion in 2026, 100 years after his passing.

We flew home from Barcelona, tired out but with a new perspective on the world we live in, having experienced history literally in a very concrete way.

Carolyn Snipes-Hoyt