



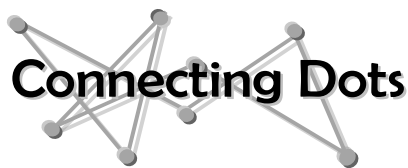
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NEWSLETTER

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“Belonging”

Belonging means acceptance as a member of part: such a simple word for a huge concept. A sense of **belonging** is a human need, just like the need for food and shelter. Feeling that you belong is most important in seeing value in life and in coping with intensely painful emotions. (*Psychology Today*, March 2014)

“What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, both in life and in death to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.”
Heidelberg Catechism Lord’s Day 1

What does it mean to belong? This is a topic I’ve been exploring in a leadership course offered at Trinity Western University. One of the concerns, in many schools, is the lack of community, the sense of value and worth that many students and families experience in schools, particularly large urban schools. While I can quickly assure myself that our school is not large or urban, I am reminded daily of this sense of belonging and that many in our school struggle with not belonging.

For many of us in the faith community, we find tremendous comfort and strength in knowing that we

belong to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. However, we have also been created to live in community. In our neighborhoods, churches, schools, and our community organizations, we have a desire to belong, to feel valued and perhaps needed. In our increasingly isolated society where garage doors, cell phones, ear buds, Facebook friendships, and automated starting mechanisms on our cars, reduce the number of opportunities for actual verbal dialogue, our sense of belonging can be negatively impacted.

So how do we get past this point of being a “member” of a community but not really belonging? What is required for parents to feel welcomed and validated as they enter our doors, as they attend our meetings? How do we make those who feel they are on the periphery, discover ways to be included? These are questions our students face as well and I feel the first responsibility is for those who are well connected to find ways to include others. Good community is never a closed circle, a “we are full” approach, but one that is always seeking to expand, to be inclusive. Community is about serving, not being served as so often becomes the case. Belonging is instrumental to being a community, but there is also a reciprocal responsibility to not only be valued, but to add value. In order to have a good friend; we need to be a good friend, in order to have community, we too need to be community.

May God grant us wisdom as we continue to explore and challenge ourselves in how to better enhance this

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

community of education, this community of faith, this community of fellow sojourners wrestling with life, its challenges and opportunities.

Mr. Brandsma

Welcome

We would like to welcome Marwa Omot Ogot to our school. Marwa is in Grade 10 and it is our hope and prayer that you will soon feel at home in your new school community!

Please add the following information to the CACHS family phone list: Mother: Ajulu Ochang Okello
Phone # 403-877-1927

Board Notes

An Industrial Arts committee has been formed to begin exploring the possibility of trades classes being available to students in the future. Several options are presently being investigated. Committee members are Sue and Darrell Stang, Nick Den Oudsten, Pete Walls and Mel Brandsma.

Our Safe and Caring Policy's final draft was approved by the Board and has been sent to Alberta Education. Please continue to pray for this ongoing issue.

Sue Stang
Board Secretary

Grade 10 Registration

If your child will be attending CACHS in the fall, we would ask that you send in their registration as soon as possible. The registration forms were part of the information package that was handed out when Mr. Brandsma visited with the Grade 9 classes in March. If you require a new registration form please contact the school or download it from our website www.cachs.ca. The course selection sheets will be sent to the Grade 9 students once they have been finalized. If you have any questions please call the school at 403-782-4535.

Financial Update for April 2016

We received our next payment of grant money for the year from the Alberta Government. This brings us up to 70% of the grant budgeted for this year.

The Alberta government budget came out on Thursday, April 14th so I've begun working on a detailed budget with numbers for the next school year. The budget will go from the Finance Committee to the Board and then be presented to the Society in May.

If you have a student coming to CACHS from Grade 9 and have not let the school know your intention, we would ask that you phone the school office.

Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

CACHS Fashion Show

Central Alberta Christian High School will be hosting their annual Fashion Show on Friday, May 6th at 7:00 pm in the school gym. The fundraiser consists of desserts, door prizes, silent auction items and the Fashion Show. This year we are raising funds for the Central Alberta Chapter of Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada.

If you would like to donate a door prize item or a silent auction item, please contact the school. We will be accepting cash donations on the night of the Fashion Show and we would ask that you make your cheques out to the school to receive a tax receipt for your donation. All funds raised through ticket sales and auction items will go directly to The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada.

Tickets are available at the school office for \$20 each. Please call 403-782-4535 to reserve your tickets.

CACHS Fashion Show Committee

Library News

By the look of things, spring is finally here. Now we can look forward to rain showers, budding trees, and eventually flowers. We are so blessed by the continuity of God's grace towards us. We can see His love for us in the renewing nature around us.

If you have a few moments to enjoy a good book, come in and peruse the "new books" rack. I highly recommend two titles: *If I Run* by Terri Blackstock and *The First Hostage* by Joel C. Rosenberg. Both books were intense and extremely hard to put down. They were vastly different in content but the interest factor was consuming.

I sent home with the report cards, "Library Reminders" if your student still has books checked out. These are just reminders but if they are done with the books please have them returned to the library. Thank you.

Yvonne Reed
Librarian

Career Corner

Lee Hardy (1990, 83) provides this advice in terms of vocational growth and development.

"That I am who I am is not a result of chance, a mere cosmic accident. Rather it is the result of God's intention. There is a reason why I am who I am, although that reason may not be immediately apparent to me. I was placed here for a purpose, and that purpose is one which I am, in part, to discover, not invent. These facts about me are indicators of the divine intent of my life, indicators which are to be interpreted in the light of God's revealed word."

All the grade 10 and 11 students will be attending the Career Expo at Red Deer College on April 28th. This is an opportunity for them to explore many different educational and vocational opportunities.

Grade 12 students are reminded that the scholarships administered by CACHS will be due in May. The Royal Canadian Legion is due May 16, with the Avelyn Prins, Jenna Weenink, Cameron Dowling, Drs. Engel and Power, and Bentley Seed Cleaning due May 31st.

Veronica DenOudsten
Career Counselor

Drama 20/30 Presentation

Turn the game *Clue* into a play and you have the masterfully entertaining *Murder's in the Heir!* Almost every character in this hilarious mystery has the weapon, opportunity and motive to commit the unseen murder. And it's up to the audience to decide who actually did it! Each of the heirs to the tyrannical billionaire Simon Starkweather has the means and the motive to do away with him. Starkweather gathers his family and employees to announce the contents of his will. His lawyer, Lois van Zandt, reveals that he has bequeathed vast fortunes to his befuddled niece Fiona, her son Jordan, his great-niece Paula, and his grandson Simon III, as well as to his many servants. Then Lois delivers the bombshell! Within hours this will becomes invalid. Of course, the rejected heirs are not pleased, so it's not surprising when they roam the old mansion carrying such items as an ax, a gun, and poison. Predictably, the lights go out, and Simon is discovered murdered. Simon III is determined to find his grandfather's killer, with the help of detective Mike Davis. The play's unique ending, utilizing secret ballots gathered at intermission from the audience, will determine the killer in this Billy St. John maze of murder.

Dates: June 1 and 2

Time: Doors open at 6:30 pm; play begins at 7:00 pm (the play runs roughly 90 minutes with a twenty minute intermission)

Tickets: Available at the CACHS office for \$10 each. Call Ann at 403-782-4535 to reserve your ticket and seat.

Calendar

May 6 – Fashion Show

Staff collaboration day – no school

May 19 – Society meeting – 7:30 pm

May 20 – Staff collaboration day – no school

May 23 – Victoria Day – no school

June 14 – Social Studies 30-1 & 30-2 diploma exam
- Part A

June 17 – Social Studies 30-1 & 30-2 diploma exam
- Part B

June 22 – Biology 30 diploma

June 27 – Physics 30 diploma

June 28 – Graduation – **Note change of date from original school calendar!**

Europe Trip 2017

At present we have 30 participants signed up to go on this exciting trip. If you are interested in joining the group yet, you can still do so by contacting the school for the costs, which will increase as of April 1st, and completing the application form. A more detailed itinerary is also available at the CACHS office.

The focus of this tour is the Canadian involvement in the two World Wars, and an exploration of the cities, towns and countryside which serve as their historical setting. Of course, all of this will be done in the context of experiencing the French culture, both past and present.

A brief summary of the itinerary:

- Day 1: Arrive in Brussels
- Day 2: Visit Flanders Fields/Ypres battlefield
- Day 3: Visit Vimy Ridge/Arras battlefield
- Day 4: Travel to Dieppe, Rouen
- Day 5: Visit coastal villages in Normandy
- Day 6: Visit Juno, Omaha beaches
- Day 7: Travel to Chartres
- Day 8, 9: Explore Paris
- Day 10: Return

For those of you who have already signed up, all cheques need to be made out to CACHS and submitted **by noon on the dates indicated below**. We **cannot** accept any post-dated cheques except for the dates indicated below.

Payment schedule

Third payment \$1200 Due: October 3, 2016

Final payment: Balance Due noon November 29/16

**** Adult supplement of \$390 per person in double room is due on the second payment plus \$89 for cancellation/interruption insurance. A late fee per person will be charged by the company.**

Please contact me at the school if you have any questions.

Pete Hoekstra
Europe Trip Coordinator

CACHS Catering

CACHS Catering upcoming events:

- May 6 – CACHS Fashion show
- May 14 – Soup lunch at Sunrise CRC, Ponoka
- June 2 - Ponoka Christian School Grade 9 grad
- June 28 - CACHS Grade 12 graduation
- July 9 – Zylstra anniversary - Lacombe
- July 23 – Sypkes anniversary – Red Deer
- August 6 - Reed/Van Dijk wedding
- October 8 – Wedding at Lincoln Hall
- October 13 – Ponoka Christian School Thanksgiving supper

CACHS Catering strives for a high quality meal for a very reasonable price. If you are interested to have us for an upcoming function, please feel to phone Emma for information. Have a look at the menu options and keep in mind that you will support the school by letting us cater your special function!

We are looking for a new committee member since I (Ester) am retiring from CACHS Catering this summer. Helping out with CACHS Catering is a great way to build community amongst each other. I have learned much and enjoyed working with others. The ladies in the committee and other volunteers have been a blessing to me in many ways. Their commitment and love for the job is amazing. We all know it is a privilege to have a Christian High School here in Central Alberta. May God bless the work of CACHS Catering and the many hands that help make this possible. Other than a new committee member, we can always use cooks, dishwashers, and servers. Remember that many hands make light work! Please let one of the committee members know if you are willing to help in any way.

CACHS Catering:
Emma Den Oudsten
Jennette Oosterink
Clase van Iperen
Rosemary Vander Ploeg

Sincerely,
Ester Verhoef

Basketball Wind Up

Basketball is finally done. We wrapped up our season by having the Lacombe Christian School teams over and the future looks bright!

We travelled all over the province this year. We had tournaments in Evansburg, LaCrete, Bonnyville and Barrhead. We also hosted a tournament in January where we had incredible community support.

The boys had a successful season – going 27-8 for the year. We were able to win league which gave us the opportunity to host the zone tournament. We ran into a tough Tofield team in the semis and lost. However, the boys exemplified excellent sportsmanship and a tough work ethic throughout. A big thank you for the excellent leadership of our grade 12 students. Thanks to Logan Den Oudsten, Jayden Doornbos and Braden Olsen! Also a big thank you to our community coaches who helped out this year. Thanks to Dan Luymes, David Schermers and Ian Vanderhoek. Your dedication to the sport, and challenging the boys to be the best they can be, was appreciated.

The girls had an incredible season. They were ranked provincially all year and continued to improve throughout the course of the season. They finished 2nd in their league, and then were able to finish 2nd in zones which earned them a wild card berth to provincials. They travelled to Picture Butte and played their best basketball of the year! After winning their first game they had to take on the top ranked team in the province (Immanuel Christian from Lethbridge) and beat them in their best game of the year. They then beat LaCrete in the semi finals. Unfortunately the girls were not able to pull off the upset in the finals by beating Picture Butte, however, they handled everything with great sportsmanship. Congratulations to the girls team for earning a silver medal at Provincials. A big thank you to the grade 12's - Shelby Ebens, Cali Cooper, Dakota DenOudsten, Ryleigh VanderSchee, Nikki Ubels, and Charlotte Zuidhof for their excellent leadership and contribution to the game. Also a big thank you to our community coaches Jen Zuidhof and Mary-Lynne Eggink.

Veronica Den Oudsten and Travis Eggink

Pizza Night Open House

Once again the hallways at CACHS were buzzing! On April 14th, many Grade 9 students and their parents attended our annual Pizza Party Open House. The students participated in several activities, mingled with their future peers and then enjoyed eating pizza. The parents were able to attend a CACHS information session hosted by Mr. Mel Brandsma, CACHS's Principal. The evening was a huge success!

A big THANK YOU goes out to the Development Committee, CACHS staff and Student Council who embraced the evening by welcoming and interacting with the Grade 9 students and their parents! WELL DONE!

We would also like thank all the Grade 9 students and their parents who came out. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Mrs. Sandra Brandsma
Development Director

Cookie Dough & Cinnamon & Sticky Buns for Sale

We have a number of tubs of cookie dough and some boxes of sticky buns for sale. These items are extras from the recent Grade 12 grad fund raiser. Cookie dough is \$15/tub and the buns (8/box) are \$12. Please contact the school at 403-782-4535 if you would like to purchase any.

Dark chocolate white chocolate chunk – 3
Ginger crinkle – 4
Monster cookies – 4
The Motherlode – 3
Oatmeal coconut chocolate chunk – 4
Oatmeal raisin spice – 2
Shortbread – 4
Sugar cookie – 1
Sticky Buns – 3