

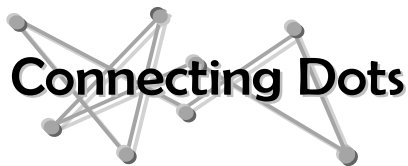


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## NEWSLETTER

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### Faith in word and deed!

“It is a living, creative, active and powerful thing, this faith. Faith cannot help doing good works constantly. It doesn’t stop to ask if good works ought to be done, but before anyone asks, it already has done them and continues to do them without ceasing. Anyone who does not do good works in this manner is an unbeliever. He stumbles around and looks for faith and good works, even though he does not know what faith or good works are.” Portion of Martin Luther’s definition of faith

Two things brought this topic to my attention in the last few weeks. One was a devotional I read which included the definition of faith as outlined by Martin Luther. The second was a discussion on CBC radio that centered on why people who, though once enamored with faith in an ideology, walked away from it. The researcher interviewed a variety of people who walked away from a faith background (Christian and Muslim) and asked them why they decided to leave when earlier they were wholeheartedly committed. In most of the interviews, it was the lack of connection between faith and works, which resulted in a discontinuation of the belief. When people who spoke passionately about the faith did not reflect this in their own personal lives, this caused the new believer to begin to question the message’s

validity. Not all left the faith, but the lack of connection between faith and actions was a stumbling block.

The writer of the book of James reminds us of this struggle when he writes, “You have faith; I have deed.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.” James 2:18 The goal of Christian character development needs to make the connection between faith and works an automatic response. Works should not be done for recognition or reward, but rather simply as a true character revelation showcasing where our true priorities lie. In our staff room, acting as a reminder for each of us in the day is the quote by St. Augustine: “The life of the speaker has greater weight in determining whether he is obediently heard than any grandness in eloquence.”

This week we will be placing in our entry way the new mission and vision statements of our school.

Vision: Striving for excellence through Christ  
Mission: Transformative education within a Christian Community.

May the actions of each of us, staff, parents and fellow believers, showcase faith in our Lord Jesus Christ so that we may be a witness, rather than a millstone to our young people. May we also have the courage to own up to our shortcomings both in admitting our imperfection as well as extending grace to all around us.

Mr. Brandsma

**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*

A new Mission/Vision statement was approved at the Fall Society Meeting in November!

Mission – Transformative Education within a  
Christian Community

Vision – Striving for Excellence Through Christ

All the best to the students who are writing school exams and diploma exams this month!

Sue Stang  
Board Secretary

## *Financial Update for December 2015*

Our school is truly blessed by all of our CACHS family by the support we receive from membership through monetary or prayer. We cannot express our thanks enough for your generosity to the school for the Fall Drive. To date we have received \$139,584.50 for our Fall Drive. Thank you so much for your support.

The income tax receipts are all done and you should either receive them through your church mailboxes or through the mail. If you have not received them by the middle of February, please give me a call and I will send you a copy.

In the newsletter is a sheet that explains Real (Net) Tuition. If you have questions please give me a call.

Wendy Barnes  
Business Administrator

## *Library News*

The sun is finally shining after a few days of grayness, it's beautiful! I think that we take sunshine very much for granted until it is missing for a few days. I hope you are all getting a chance to enjoy the brief sun rays.

The semester is coming to a close and just as a reminder, I will be sending out book lists in the report cards. These are just reminders of what your students have checked out. If they are done with the items, please return them so others can appreciate them too.

The puzzles are all coming along. The 24,000 piece puzzle is well on its way. Many students and teachers alike have enjoyed some down time puzzling.

Take a minute to enjoy the sunshine and a book.

Yvonne Reed  
Librarian

## *Career Corner*

“Vocation comes from the Latin vocare, to call, and means the work a human being is called to by God. The place God calls you is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.”  
Frederick Buechner

Every student at CACHS has a student learning number through Alberta Education. Current grade 12 students have been enrolled in a program called myPass which allows them to access the grades submitted to Alberta Learning. The grades the students receive on their departmentals will be accessible to each student through myPass. We are in the process of getting all the grade 10 and 11 students signed up. This will allow all of our students to access their own transcripts.

If you have any questions about this or anything else feel free to contact me at the school. I am at school on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Veronica DenOudsten  
Career Counselor

## CACHS Catering

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.

CACHS Fashion Show – May 6  
CACHS Grad – June 28  
July 9 – Zylstra birthday party - Lacombe  
July 23 – Sypkas anniversary – Red Deer

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.

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

## Calendar

January 25 – Math 30-1 & 30-2 – a.m.  
January 27 – Chemistry 30 – a.m.  
January 22 – 27 – First term exams for Gr. 10 & 11  
January 28 – Exam make up day/School ski trip  
January 29 – Semester Break  
February 1 – Second semester begins  
February 2 – Final report card for first semester  
February 4 – Parent teacher interviews after school and in evening  
February 15 – Family Day – no school  
February 16 – 19 – February break – no school  
March 4 – Staff collaboration day – no school  
March 25 – April 3 – Spring break – Good Friday and Easter Monday fall during in this break  
April 11, 12 & 13 – Grad picture days  
May 6 – Fashion Show  
- Staff collaboration day – no school

**June 28 - Please note change of date for graduation**

## Europe Trip 2017

For those considering taking part in the CACHS Europe trip in the spring of 2017, please read on! A more detailed itinerary is 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

Please note the following payment schedule and conditions, developed in consultation with our provider, EF Tours. The cost for the trip is \$3,755.00 + \$89 for cancellation insurance, plus adult supplement. Tour costs are locked upon receipt of first payment.

All cheques need to be made out to CACHS and submitted **by noon on dates indicated below**. We **cannot** accept any post-dated cheques except for the dates indicated below.

### Payment schedule

Down payment: \$199 Due: Noon March 3, 2016  
Second payment \$700\*\* Due: Noon April 5, 2016  
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 insurance.**  
**A late fee per person will be charged by the company.**

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

Pete Hoekstra  
Europe Trip Coordinator