



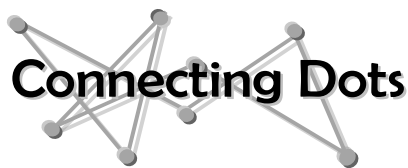
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“Remember who we are!”

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey..... For to everyone who has, more will be given, and will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.” Matthew 15: 14-30

Each day at school I see glimpses of identity being shaped. As students discover who they are, who they desire to be, we see things to celebrate and to lament. We celebrate when students discover their talents; when they honor the gifts and uniqueness of their self; when they begin to develop a God given gift to its full potential, not for selfish gain, but to honor our Creator and to serve our fellow man.

We lament when they (we) become focused on fitting in, conforming to the standards they (we) see presented in

the lives of others. We dress to fit in, we become preoccupied with activities that allow us to be associated with an entity (student, athlete, farmer, skateboarder, etc.), and we seek to discover an identity. And often we resist the identity we have been given, the skills we have been allotted, the uniqueness we were created to be, all to “fit in”.

I recall a young gifted student a few years ago lament that she wished she was really good at one thing. She had many talents, many gifts, but she craved an identity that being phenomenal in one capacity would offer her. When we lose sight of who we are, whom we serve, and how we are called to live, we become confused, lost without a foundation and rationale for existence. We strive to find meaning in appearance and/or notoriety.

In reflecting upon the parable of the talents, I am thankful I don’t get to choose my gifts. I am thankful that each of us has received all we need to lead fulfilled, productive lives. This is not about settling for something less than we can obtain, but rather a validation of who we are created to be. The unfaithful steward in this parable didn’t so much waste the master’s talents; he wasted an opportunity to be all he could be.

Perhaps it’s time to begin reminding ourselves, each other, and especially our children, that we are created by God for a purpose that both honors God, and allows each of us the opportunity to be of infinite importance. Recognize our world’s mantra is “Be all you can be”, “You can achieve anything if you put your mind to it”,

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

“If you can dream it, you can do it”. While these three, and a myriad of others, hold an element of truth, they deny our Creator’s design. They disregard our talents and they implant that we can design or create our self. It really is no wonder that many in our world struggle with a lost identity when they face a reality that not all is possible, regardless of how they may want it.

Our foundation for life, our understanding of who we are, needs to begin with recognizing our value in the eyes of our Creator. When we understand this, then “We can do everything through Christ who gives us strength!” Philippians 4:13

Mr. Brandsma

Board Notes

Thank you to all who attended our Spring Society meeting on May 19. We would like to welcome three new board members: Lennard VanderSchee, Tracey Wiersma, and Phil Tenbrinke. We are thankful that they are dedicating their time and talents to the school for the next three years! We say goodbye to Herman Verhoef, Clarence Verveda, and Den DenOudsten. We are so grateful for all they contributed to the school, the board, and the various committees they served on.

We would also like to thank Carolyn Hoyt for her many teaching years at CACHS. We wish her God’s blessings in her retirement and the many adventures that she will be able to embark on now that she has more time.

We will also miss Brandon Lynn as he will be leaving and taking a position at the Lacombe Christian School. We wish you the best and that God will guide you with his wisdom, grace and love in your many endeavors there!

Our prayer for all the Grade 12’s graduating to start a new chapter in their lives....

Father God, we pray that you will give them direction, purpose, and perseverance as they enter the next phase of their lives. Give them clearness of mind to move forward into the plans and purposes that you have for them. We pray that they will rise

above ungodly behaviors and have the boldness to stand up for what is right wherever they work, study or socialize. Grant them success for their efforts at every turn and guide their feet to follow your ways. Use them in mighty ways! In Jesus name, Amen

Blessings from the board to all the teachers, staff, students, and parents as you head into the summer!

Sue Stang
Board Secretary

Financial Update for June

With another school year coming to an end, if you haven’t returned your “Method of Payment” please return it as soon as possible.

If you have received your renewal for “Electronic Fund Transfer Authorization Form” please return it before the end of the school year. If you would like an “Electronic Fund Transfer Authorization Form” please contact me and I will send one out to you. I will need them back no later than August 15th to set up for September.

I will be in the school during the summer so if you have questions please feel free to contact me at the school.

At this time I would like to wish all of you a great summer!

Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

Grade 10 Registration

If your child is planning on coming to CACHS in the fall, and you have not yet registered them, we would ask that you send in their registration form as soon as possible. Registration forms are available on the website www.cachs.ca or can be picked up at our office. The course selection sheets have been handed out to the Grade 9 students and we would ask that you return them to the school as soon as possible. They can be emailed to office@cachs.ca, faxed to 403-782-5425 or mailed to 22 Eagle Road, Lacombe, AB T4L 1G7. If you have any questions please call the school at 403-782-4535.

Library News

Another year is almost done – time flies when you are having fun and this year has been fun. Thank you to all the students who make my days interesting. I hope you all have a fabulous summer!

Just a reminder, that any books that have not been returned to the school will be deducted from the book deposit. Please take time to look under the beds, in the nooks and crannies, and in vehicles for those stray books. I would rather have the book than try and replace it.

Thank you for an awesome year and I look forward to seeing you in the fall!

Yvonne Reed
Librarian

Career Corner

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29: 11-13

I have had the opportunity to ask each student what they want to be when they grow up. Yet the journey at CACHS has been to discover and develop “who do you want to become?”

It has been a wonderful journey with our grade 12 students. I pray that each one will continue to seek the Lord with all their heart!

Veronica DenOudsten
Career Counselor

Graduation 2016

As we know, graduation day is approaching fast! Here are some things you need to know: the day of Grad is Tuesday, June 28th at 4 p.m. at the College Heights Seventh Day Adventist Church. Doors for the banquet will open at 6:00 p.m. with the banquet (by invitation only) starting at 6:30 pm.

CACHS Catering

CACHS Catering upcoming events:

June 28 - CACHS Grade 12 graduation
July 9 – Zylstra anniversary - Lacombe
July 23 – Sypkes anniversary – Red Deer
August 6 – Kathy Reed/Scott Van Dijk wedding
October 8 – Wedding at Lincoln Hall
October 13 – Ponoka Christian School Thanksgiving Supper
November 12 – Gerrit and Diane Pikkert anniversary

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 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.

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.

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

Calendar

June 22 – Biology 30 diploma
June 27 – Physics 30 diploma
June 28 – Graduation – 4:00 pm at College Heights Seventh Day Adventist Church
September 1 – First day of school