

## NEWSLETTER

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“Going on down to the river to pray, studying about the good old ways. Who will wear the robe and crown, Oh Lord show me the way.” (African-American Spiritual)

“Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.” Deuteronomy 11:18

As parents and teachers, our greatest treasure, our greatest gift aside from the gift of our savior, is when we see the faith, which we cherish, being taken hold of by our children.

A number of years ago at my daughter’s wedding, the bride chose this song for her and her husband to sing at the beginning of the service. It was a powerful moment as she began as an individual, as a couple on verse two, joined in by family on verse three and the supporting community on verse four. It was a powerful example of community joining together to sing, and live, a song of faith; faith developed and lived in community.

Schooling too is a relationship where education is significant, yet what you base the education on is vital. The new mission statement at school reads “Transformative education within a Christian community.” At school we covet our communities’

involvement with staff and students. We recognize that we do not operate independently from our homes and churches. We desire to raise up young men and women ready to take up the call to discipleship, to meet the needs of a world seeking an identity. Our students too need to be given this identity, one that is based upon the knowledge that they belong body and soul, to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Let’s collectively promise to support each other as we honor God’s commands to impress upon their heart and mind their true identity.

May God bless each of you with a blessed Christmas, may you and your families take time to reflect on the significance of the life saving gift of forgiveness, a gift that provides hope to a world seeking purpose.

Mr. Brandsma

### **Board Notes**

On behalf of the CACHS board, we would like to wish all the families and staff a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15:13

Sue Stang  
Board Secretary

**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**

## *Financial Update for December 2015*

Central Alberta Christian High School's Fall Drive was officially over on December 13<sup>th</sup>. This year's goal was set at \$100,000. So far, this year's drive has resulted in donations totaling \$100,874.50. We would ask that you prayerfully consider to what extent you can support CACHS through this year's drive. Please contact Wendy Barnes (Business Administrator) at 403-782-4535 or Clarence Verveda (Board Treasurer) if you have any questions or need assistance. You may also mail your donations directly to CACHS at 22 Eagle Road, Lacombe, AB T4L 1G7 – Attention: Wendy Barnes.

The school will be closed for the Christmas break from December 19<sup>th</sup> to January 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you would still like to donate, you can drop off your cheque in the mail box outside the front doors. We will be picking up the mail during the break, or give Wendy a call at home at 403-885-5187. A deposit will be made noon on December 31<sup>st</sup>. We would like to thank the many people who have contributed to our annual Fall Drive. The school is blessed by the support from our membership through monetary or prayer. The fall drive form can be found at <http://www.cachs.ca/images/stories/pdf/FallDrive.pdf>

May you have a Blessed Christmas as you spend time with your family and friends remembering the birth of our Saviour!

Wendy Barnes  
Business Administrator

## *Christmas Basketball*

Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> everyone is invited to come to CACHS for a day of playing basketball. Come at 9:00 AM and teams will be made. There will be officiating, and prizes for the winning teams! Contact or see Mr. Eggink for more details.

## *Thank You!!*

Lacombe and District Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) would like to thank the following volunteers from CACHS for another evening of fantastic volunteer service – Colsen Bajema, Brooklyn Forsyth, Maria Kingma, Jesse Talsma and Taylor TenHove.

Lacombe BBBS provides a service to our community that matches adult mentors with young children who need a mentor. The Bigs (Adults) and Littles (children) work together, either in school or out of school, doing things together that are important to the Littles. Through this time they develop lasting relationships and positive influences. Every December we have a great big Christmas dinner and awards night which is our biggest event of the year. It is very special as our Bigs and Littles can have supper together with their families and visit.

We would like to thank CACHS for sending the five students and Mr. Hoekstra to help run the event. They were busy serving dinner to over 300 people, bussing tables, doing dishes and cleaning up after everyone left. This is the fifth year in a row that CACHS has sent us volunteers and they are a huge help to us!! The students are hard working and reliable. The Big Brother and Sisters staff and board members can spend time visiting with our BBBS families and the CACHS volunteers take care of the details. Thank you once again and we look forward to working with you again next year!!

Lacombe and District Big Brothers Big Sisters

## *Phone Number Change*

Please change the following phone numbers on your CACHS family phone list:

Sandra Brandsma – 403-358-6458  
Mel Brandsma – 403-304-5634

## Library News

### *Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

God sent His only, perfect and beloved, son to live here with us and die for us. We have so much to be thankful for!

The Library has become a puzzle mania center, thanks to Frank and Juanita Kuipers. We are now attempting to construct a 24,000 piece puzzle. As of today, December 14<sup>th</sup>, we have almost 3,000 pieces together...a work in progress. I have also collected some games for the students to use, so as you clean up and consider getting rid of games or puzzles that you are no longer using, please consider donating them to our Library.

We still have books and a number of students who are avid readers. I have added several new authors to our collection as well as added to a few series. If you have a minute come and check out the awesome spinning rack. If you have suggestions for new authors or series, please let me know. If you have books that need a new home, please keep us in mind.

Yvonne Reed  
Librarian

## CACHS Catering

As the Christmas season approaches, we would like to say THANK YOU to the many volunteers who help prepare, serve and clean up at our various functions. Your willingness to help us in so many different ways is greatly appreciated! We wish you all a Blessed Christmas and God's continued blessings in 2016.

We do not have any events scheduled until May 2016 but if you would like to book us please contact Emma Den Oudsten.

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

## Career Corner

“If there is no Caller, there are no callings – only work. The true test of a saint's life is not successfulness but faithfulness on the human level of life. We tend to set up success in Christian work as our purpose, but our purpose should be to display the glory of God in human life, to live life ‘hidden with Christ in God’ in our everyday human condition.”  
(Oswald Chambers)

Wishing everyone a very blessed Christmas season!

Veronica DenOudsten  
Career Counselor

## Calendar

December 19 – January 3 – Christmas Break  
January 4 – Classes resume  
January 13 – English 30-1 & 30-2 – Part A – a.m.  
January 19 – English 30-1 & 30-2 – Part B – a.m.  
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  
February 19 – Staff collaboration day  
March 25 – April 3 – Spring break – Good Friday  
and Easter Monday fall during in this break

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