



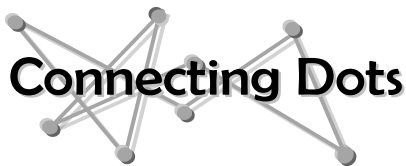
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## NEWSLETTER

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“Joy, unspeakable joy  
An overflowing well, no tongue can tell  
Joy unspeakable joy  
Rises in my soul, never lets me go”  
Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy) – Chris Tomlin

Reflecting upon the lyrics of this Chris Tomlin song, I am reminded of the temporal joy many of us seek on a daily basis. We find joy in our daily labor, a restful weekend, a sun filled vacation, and a relationship where love is reciprocated. Our advertising world reminds us constantly of short-term joy, of seeking moments of “deserved” respite, of rewards, of momentary satisfaction. And yet, these song lyrics speak of a joy that goes beyond the short term, beyond the immediacy of the moment, to a place where the trials of life cannot diminish our joy.

How do we find this joy, and if we have found a measure of it, how can we pass on this gift, this confidence to the next generation? In a visit with a grandparent last week, it was very clear in hearing her story where she found true joy. Many of the temporal expressions of joy were not evident in her life, and yet she found joy in life, due to her sense of belonging to her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. She spoke with joy in her words of serving a God who is always faithful to

the needs of life, rather than the wants of life. As I listened to her story, I once again was reminded of where my joy needs to come from. Perhaps it is time to remind our children and our grandchildren of our joyous story. Grandparents play a special role in the life of our students, and it is my prayer that your story will be told repeatedly to those listening ears. The stories will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression of stability, of a foundation in unshakable truth. It is a message our temporal, constantly changing world so needs to hear.

I wrote last month about the need to belong, and reflected on the aspect of belonging to something that is permanent. It is in that confidence that we can as well speak of “unspeakable joy”, where nothing can separate us from the knowledge that we are loved, that we are saved, and one day we will experience “unspeakable joy”!

You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls. I Peter 1:8-9 (New Living Translation)

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

The final draft for the Safe and Caring Policy has been approved and sent to the Minister of Education. It is unclear when the Alberta Government will get to the review of these policies.

The ARPA presentation on April 13 was very informative regarding this policy. They recognize that a legal challenge may need to be launched against the province should the Education Minister be unmoved by the thousands of parents across the province. They urge us, as parents, to continue to pray for our Alberta government and to also take a stand that our freedom to instruct our children will not be compromised.

Sue Stang  
Board Secretary

## Financial Update for May 2016

The budget was recommended to the Board for approval from the Finance committee and was approved. The 2016-2017 budget will be presented to the Society on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Letters and tuition fee schedules will be sent in the mail the first week of June. We would ask that you return the Method of Payment back to the office by June 17<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to set up direct deposit please stop by and see me before August 15<sup>th</sup>.

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](http://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](mailto: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.

## CACHS Fashion Show

On Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, CACHS held its annual Fashion Show with this year's cause being the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. Our gym was transformed to host a raised runway with bright shining lights which allowed our models to treat us to many different fashions from businesses in Lacombe and Red Deer.

We were moved when Aaron Swier spoke and shared his dad's story of how Multiple Sclerosis has impacted their family. We were then privileged to hear Lorraine Evan-Cross from the Central Alberta chapter of the MS Society of Canada.

Desserts made by CACHS Catering were enjoyed while visiting, bidding on silent auction items and enjoying the musical entertainment by some of our students.

We would like to thank the many, many people who helped to make this evening a wonderful success! With your help we were able to raise \$4,012.00 for the Central Alberta chapter of the MS Society of Canada. Thank you!!

CACHS Fashion Show Committee

## Library News

It is the time of the year again when the countdown to the end has started ... four weeks till diploma exams start and several weeks till graduation. Having said that, there is still quite a bit of school left, everything from reading novels to preparing speeches, ethical and religious topics that will need to be researched, to a drama production and track meets. Let's finish strong!

Please remind your students to return their books as they complete their assignments. I will be closing the library to "checkouts" June 1<sup>st</sup>. All books will need to be returned to the library at the start of exams on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Yvonne Reed  
Librarian

## Career Corner

"God never called you to be anyone other than you. But He does call you to be the best you can be. The big question is, at your best, who are you?"

Max Lucado

May 16<sup>th</sup> was the deadline for the Royal Canadian Legion Scholarship. A reminder to the grade 12's that the following scholarships are due May 31<sup>st</sup>: Cameron Dowling Memorial, Jenna Weenink Memorial, Avelyn Prins, Drs. Engel & Power, and Bentley Seed Cleaning Plant. There are a few other awards and scholarships that will be decided upon that do not require an application.

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 axe, 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; the 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

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

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

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

## Europe Trip 2017

**Attention fellow travelers!!** We have just received the following information from EF tours pertaining to the trip insurance coverage and options:

“As of May 1<sup>st</sup>, we acquired ne insurance which no covers travelers in the case of school board cancellation or a labor strike. Please see below:

1. Our Medical and Accident Coverage has increased to \$1 million dollars, from the original \$50,000.
2. Tour Cancellation and Interruption Coverage now includes the following:
  - a. \*New\* - Cancellation of your trip by the school board due to a teacher’s labor strike or the school board determines there is a risk of harm to you during your trip when you are scheduled to travel to a specific region of a country during your trip.
  - b. If the Government of Canada issues an “Avoid Non-Essential Travel” or an “Avoid All Travel” Travel Advisory after you purchase your insurance, advising or recommending that Canadian residents should not visit a destination included in your insured trip.
  - c. Financial hardship due to jury duty, call to military service or severe damage to your home.

As of right now, travelers who chose to do so, have the trip cancellation and interruption component. In order to receive school board cancellation insurance they would have to upgrade and the cost of the updated component would be \$149, so a \$60 increase.”

EF tours will be contacting you directly about the opportunity to obtain the upgraded cancellation/interruption insurance. Please contact me if you need clarification or further information.

Pete Hoekstra  
Trip Coordinator

## CACHS Catering

CACHS Catering upcoming events:

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 – Kathy Reed/Scott 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 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

## *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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 p.m.

As well, the grade 12's are headed off on their grad trip on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> for a few days of friendship, fun and lifelong memories.

## *Graduation 2016*

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.

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

## *Choral singers Unite Society*

The Choral Singers Unite Society (CSUS) is a non-profit organization registered under the Societies Act of Alberta. CSUS is excited to provide opportunities for youth in our community to participate in choral singing and enhance their school music activities and choirs. Placement interviews for all choirs begin the third week in May and run until September and informal auditions for all choirs are held June through September. Singers will come together each week to experience the joy of singing. The youth in our community will be united through the study and performance of great choral music and discover that music can be a bridge to such essential life skills as compassion, understanding, respect, commitment, discipline, cooperation, and teamwork to name only a few of our goals. As the programs grow, opportunity for performance and travel will ensue providing extended opportunities for the singers to expand their musical experience. Choirs being offered are:

Brioso Junior Children's Choir

- Elementary grades 1-3

Brioso Senior Children's Choir

- Elementary grades 4-8

Ihana Youth Choir – ages 14-22

It's Time Vocal Jazz Ensemble – ages 16+

Soliloquy Adult Mixed Chorus – ages 20+

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