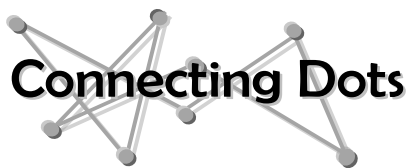


## NEWSLETTER

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### Let's keep talking!

Servanthood is not about position or skill. It's about attitude..... In the end, the extent of your influence depends on the depth of your concern for others.

John C. Maxwell

I have been blessed by rich discussions over the recent months in my administrative role. Discussions about leadership where the focus is about growth and improvements of the school as a whole and where individual goals and dreams are superseded by the desire to be a blessing to the students and supporting community. Discussions about programming, in particular the Industrial Arts program where the desire is to expand our program offerings, not just to add to our enrollment (would be nice though), and to enrich the educational opportunities of our present students allowing them access to work with their hands as well as their minds.

One of the riches of this Central Alberta Christian School community that includes Lacombe Christian, Ponoka Christian and Rimbey Christian, is the desire to honor the intent of doing *Christian Education* well. This process needs to always be examined and requires dialogue where the school is not run by a few, but rather

by a body of believers each actively contributing to the development and maintenance of our schools. Leadership is required, but truly effective leadership must remain rooted to its societies through two-way communication.

I was so encouraged by the tremendous support we experienced at the recent "Swing into Spring" event our development committee hosted. We had over 250 people in attendance simply for the purpose of exploring ideas pertaining to the development of an Industrial Arts (shop) program at CACHS. Rich dialogue at tables was evident amidst the delicacies of amazing desserts. What I would encourage from all those in attendance, as well as others unable to be there, is for your voice to be heard as well. This can be done by expressing your thoughts to any of the committee members or send a response directly to the board concerning this potential project.

We covet your thoughts and prayers as the board carefully considers this exciting venture. May we continually remind ourselves as representatives of Christ, to follow His leading. May our purposes be united with God's plans to equip a generation of young men and women eager to utilize the gifts God has bestowed upon them.

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*

On behalf of the board, we are pleased to announce that Travis Eggink has accepted the Vice Principal position at CACHS. We wish him the best as he continues his career in this new role. We are truly blessed with the leadership that we have among all of our staff.

The Swing into Spring fundraiser was a huge success on March 2, 2017. Thank you to all who volunteered their time as well as donating to the Industrial Arts Program. The Industrial Arts committee will be meeting again to discuss different options regarding the construction of the Industrial Arts shop.

We are currently looking for new board members for the next school year. Please pray for those nominated as they seek God's guidance in their decision.

Sue Stang  
Board Secretary

## *Financial Update for March 2017*

At present I'm getting numbers together to start working on the school budget for the school year 2017-2018. The provincial budget will be released on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. The new budget will be presented to the Society at the May 18<sup>th</sup> society meeting.

If you would still like to donate to the "Fall Drive" or "Swing into Spring" please send to: Central Alberta Christian High School, 22 Eagle Road, Lacombe, AB T4L 1G7 – Attention: Wendy Barnes. Please make note of designation on memo line which fundraiser you are donating to.

Yours in Christ  
Wendy Barnes  
Business Administrator

## *Grade Nine Student/Parent Intention Slips*

If you have not already done so, would you please complete the intention slips that were mailed out on February 8<sup>th</sup> and return them directly to CACHS or to your son/daughter's home room teacher. In order to properly plan for the 2017-2018 school year this information will help us in that process. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 403-782-4535.

## *Update on "Swing into Spring" Fundraiser*

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> we had our first "Swing into Spring" fundraiser and we were so blessed by the evening! What an awesome response we had from the businesses who sponsored tables, people who made and donated desserts, and the generosity of all who came out for the evening. It was good to see many of the alumni come out with their families for the evening.

A special Thank You to CACHS Catering for the awesome meal and the students who helped out in the kitchen! Thank you to the Industrial Arts committee for their presentation that gave us some insight to the future of the Industrial Arts program for CACHS. We raised \$54,034.69 after expenses for the Industrial Arts program. Once again "Thank You" for your support of this new program. If you would still like to donate to the program, please send your donation to: Central Alberta Christian High School, 22 Eagle Road, Lacombe, AB. T4L 1G7 - Attn: Wendy Barnes and in the memo line of your cheque please put down Industrial Arts Program.

On behalf of the Swing into Spring Committee  
Sandra Brandsma, Becky Kooiker and Wendy Barnes

## Library News

Library News will return next month – enjoy your spring break!

Yvonne Reed  
Librarian

## Career Corner

“This is the fundamental call of the Christian: to love God and to love our neighbor. This is the baseline that informs every dimension of the work to which we are called. But do not confuse love with misguided generosity. To love well means to discern well – to discern how I am being called to love God and love others. What are the particular ways in which I am being asked to focus my time and energies (and career choices) as an expression of love to God and others?”  
Consider your Calling by Gordon T. Smith

CALM class will be utilizing My Blueprint – an online education and career planning tool for course planning, college and university research and more. All CACHS students will have access to this online planning tool. This valuable resource has various surveys to determine where one’s personality, interests, knowledge and learning style will lead them. It also has templates for resumes and cover letter. Each student can create their own portfolio that they continue to add and change over their high school years.

Applications for many post-secondary institutions are still open. Check out the post-secondary’s website to see which programs still have room. Many scholarship deadlines are past however some important ones are still available.

Alexander Rutherford Scholarship – Money is available for students who average 75% or higher in grades 10, 11 or 12. This money is guaranteed and the provincial government normally sends the money directly to the school that the student is attending. The date to apply for this is May 1<sup>st</sup> if you want the money for the first semester. Students are welcome to apply for this scholarship money any time they are attending school.

CACHS Scholarships deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup>. More information will follow in the next newsletter.

Veronica DenOudsten, Career Counselor

## Grade 9 Open House

**ATTENTION ALL GR. 9 Students & Parents!**

**CACHS is having a PIZZA PARTY!**

**Who:** Grade 9 Students from Red Deer, Lacombe, Ponoka, Rimbey, and other areas.

**When:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017. 7-9 PM

**Where:** Central Alberta Christian High School. 22 Eagle Road, Lacombe

**Why:** To meet and greet other ‘GRADE 9s’ who could be your classmates at CACHS!

**Parent Orientation:** While the students are engaged in fun activities there will be an informative orientation session for all parents.

Come out and check out what CACHS has to offer! **PLEASE RSVP: 403-782-4535**

If you know of any students who do not attend any of the Christian schools in the area who might be interested in coming to the open house, please let them know about the open house or call the school with their name(s) and we will forward an invitation to them.

## Save the Date - CACHS Annual Fashion Show

Central Alberta Christian High School will be hosting their annual Fashion Show on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the school sym. The fundraiser consists of desserts, door prizes, silent auction items and the fashion show. This year we are raising funds for Parkinson Alberta.

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 Parkinson Alberta.

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

CACHS Fashion Show Committee

## CACHS Catering

CACHS Catering upcoming events:

April 8 – Ponoka Christian School auction lunch

April 28 – CACHS Fashion Show

April 29 – Farewell for Pastor Mike Vandyk at  
CACHS

May 6 – Brittany TenHove/Jayden Halsey wedding  
at Blindman Valley Ag Center

June 30 – CACHS grad

August 19 – Sidney Prins/Jordy Fontijn wedding –  
Kinsmen Hall, Ponoka

October 12 – PCS Thanksgiving dinner fundraiser

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

## Art

The art room has become an inspiring studio. Art 10 students have completed projects showing VALUE in artwork. They are hanging in the hallway across from the library. Presently, we are working on understanding “Linear Perspective”. Our projects illustrate Vanishing Point, and 1 and 2 Point Perspective. In addition, we have begun a series illustrating three parts of the Easter Story: Preparation, Suffering and Celebration. I am looking forward to hanging all these pieces. Well done Art 10 students!

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

### Central Alberta Christian High School DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The Central Alberta Christian High School (CACHS) is seeking an enthusiastic, organized and well connected individual to promote our school. If you are interested in becoming our new Development Director and would like a detailed job description, contact the Lennard VanderSchee (Board Chair) or Mel Brandsma (Principal).

The responsibilities of the Development Director include, but are not limited to:

- Developing relationships with the CACHS community, including staff, students and alumni.
- Coordinating the annual alumni newsletter.
- Updating the CACHS website, along with social media.
- Planning the Grade 8 & 9 recruitment day.
- Promoting in school events, such as Drama productions and the Fashion Show.
- Being an active member of the “Swing into Spring” event.
- Generating fresh ideas to promote the school.

This position is 8 hours per week, preferably spread over 2 days. Please send resume or further inquiries to either:

[Mel Brandsma](#) or [Lennard VanderSchee](#)

## *Junior High Afternoon School Visit*

On Thursday, March 9, the hallways at CACHS were buzzing! All grade 8 and 9 students from our feeder schools were invited to join CACHS students for the afternoon. The High School "Sneak Peek" event allowed students to mingle over a delicious lunch, participate in worship at our assembly and attend two fun activity sessions. The afternoon was a huge success!

A big THANK YOU goes out to the Development Committee who organized, served and cleaned up the lunch and CACHS students and staff who embraced the afternoon by welcoming and interacting with the Junior High students! WELL DONE!

## *Europe Trip 2017*

By the time many of you have read this we will have departed for Belgium (March 23) and perhaps already have crossed into France. It is hard to believe that the months of planning have passed so quickly and that our dreams are becoming reality. The itinerary is summarized below and you can track us on a map as the days pass if you should so desire.

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 (April 1): Return to Calgary

We covet your prayers as we travel and look forward to sharing our stories when we return.

Pete Hoekstra  
Trip Coordinator

## *Cookie Dough - Cinnamon Buns*

We have a number of extra tubs of cookie dough and boxes of cinnamon buns from the Grade 12 grad fundraiser. If you are interested in any of them, please contact the school. Cookie dough is \$16/tub and the buns are \$12 each.

Ginger crinkle – 3

Monster cookie – 2

Motherlode – 1

White Chocolate Macadamia nut – 4

Oatmeal Coconut Chocolate chunk – 3

Cinnamon buns with icing – 2 boxes

## *Fundraising Opportunity for all students - Subway cards*

Subway cards are available for sale at the school office. They cost \$10 each and have \$55 worth of coupons. Students who sell these cards can use the money raised towards their grad accounts or sports fees.

## *Calendar*

March 23 – April 1 – Europe Trip

March 23 – April 2 – Spring Break

April 3 – Classes resume

April 10, 11 & 12 – Grad picture days

April 12 – Grade 9 Student & parent information and pizza evening – 7- 9 pm

April 13 – First report card of second semester

April 14 – Good Friday – no school

April 17 – Easter Monday – no school

April 20 – Parent/teacher interviews after school and evening

April 21 – No School - Parent/teacher interviews morning – staff collaboration pm

April 28 – Fashion Show – fundraiser for Parkinson Alberta – see note elsewhere

May 18 – CACHS Society meeting

May 19 – Staff collaboration day – no school

May 22 – Victoria Day – no school

June 30 – Grade 12 graduation