

NEWSLETTER

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Wisdom Seeking

“Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance..... The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.” Proverbs 1:5-7

“Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.” Psalm 1: 1-6

In devotions for the last few weeks of December, we as a class have been reading a portion of the Psalms and Proverbs, one chapter of each as we begin the day, and the combination has been a rich blessing. In life (not only in church and school), the desire to attain wisdom through listening, through examination and study is a worthy goal for each of us regardless of our age. We see the value in our children but do we model it as we age. One of the greatest blessings grandparents can offer their grandchildren is the example of a being a lifelong learner.

Being aware of the world events, being current on developments in political, geographical and sociological trends is a powerful example to validating the need to learn. When this is combined with a genuine search for truth founded upon biblical wisdom, the concept of life-long learning and continual wisdom seeking is reinforced within a younger generation in need of mentoring. I praise God when I hear of parents and grandparents who take their responsibilities seriously to raise up a generation of Kingdom builders ready and equipped to take on the challenges of being God’s servant in a world that often denies His existence. Sounds like the wisdom of Solomon offered through faithful parents, grandparents, pastors, teachers, friends, coaches, mentors. May each of us be found faithful in offering such wisdom.

I am reminded today as I write this, that a dearly beloved community member is being put to rest in a physical way. It will be a celebration of life (a long one) where service to God was not only modeled but also passed on! What a blessing! What a joy! May God grant all those who mourn the loss of a loved one much comfort and strength during this time of loss.

Mel 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

As we begin a new year, we look forward in anticipation to what God has planned for us as a school. Isaiah 48:17 says; “This is what the Lord says – your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.” As a board we thank you for your continued prayers as we serve CACHS in the year to come.

Sue Stang
Board Secretary

Swing Into Spring

Deadline to reserve your tickets for the Swing into Spring Family Dinner Fundraiser is February 24th.



Swing into Spring
Family Dinner Fundraiser
Central Alberta Christian High School
March 2, 2017. 6:30 - 9:00 PM.
Venue: CACHS Gym

Who is invited? Students, Parents, Families, Alumni and all CACHS community members.

What is involved? Free dinner catered by "CACHS CATERING" and a Dessert Silent Auction. (Movie popcorn for the kids).

Why? To build community and to PRAISE money for the SHOP PROGRAM at CACHS.

Please call the school Office, 403-782-4535 to reserve your seat or an entire table.

Financial Update for January 2017

I would like to thank everyone who donated to the Fall Drive. The school is truly blessed by your support financially and prayerfully.

As of today we have received \$83,293.50 for the fall drive. If you would still like to contribute to the Fall Drive, please send your contribution to the school: Central Alberta Christian High School, 22 Eagle Road, Lacombe, AB T4L 1G7, Attention Wendy Barnes – Fall Drive.

In the next week you should receive your donation receipts in your church mailboxes or in the mail. If you haven't received yours by January 30th, please contact me and I will send a copy to you.

If you haven't already sent in your post dated tuition cheques for the school, statements have been sent in the mail, please contact me at the school at 403-782-4535. If you have any questions do not hesitate to give me a call.

Yours in Christ
Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

Calendar

January 23 – English 30-2 & 30-2 – Part B diploma exam
January 23 – 27 – Exam week
January 25 – Math 30-1 & 30-2 diploma exam
January 27 – Chemistry 30 diploma exam
January 30 – Science 30 diploma exam
January 31 – Semester Break/ski trip
February 1 – Second semester begins
February 2 – Final report card for first semester
February 20 – Family Day – no school
February 21 – 24 – February break – no school
March 23 to April 1 – Europe Trip
June 30 – Grade 12 graduation

Christmas has been celebrated and we have welcomed the New Year. We are now looking at finishing off old responsibilities and stepping into new challenges. We are finishing up the first semester and with that there are projects and exams that need to be finished. The Library has been a busy place. Lately, the memorizations of portions of Shakespeare's Macbeth have kept us on our toes. Keep at it, your hard work will pay off.

Circulation has more than doubled this year which makes me very happy. We have some new additions to our collection with more coming in the new few months. If you are looking for the "new books" they are on the free standing book rack.

These are some of the new book titles:

A Spy's Devotion: This is the first in Melanie Dickerson's new series, "The Regency Spies of London".

Outlaw: Ted Dekker's most recent thriller.

Chance of Loving You and Sins of the Past are both collections of novellas written by well loved authors such as Terri Blackstock, Dee Henderson, Susan May Warren and Lynette Eason.

Just a reminder to all parents and society members, that the library is also available to you. I just need to have a current phone number for you. Please be diligent in returning any books you borrow in a timely manner.

Wishing you all a blessed 2017.

Yvonne Reed
Librarian

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success.

The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators. Data on these indicators consists of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of education quality, student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates, and provincial assessments of student learning.

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey.

- In January, parents of students in grades 10, 11 and 12 will receive a survey from Alberta Education.
- In February, students in grades 10, 11 and 12 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with your school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Cree, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Urdu.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2017, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

Career Corner

Gordon T. Smith speaks of determining our call in “Courage and Calling”. He says, “the heart of the matter, in the end, is found in the answer to a simple question: How is God calling me to serve Him at this time and in this place?..... In light of the actual circumstances of my life, how am I called to bring glory to the creator and serve the world in love for Christ and for others.”

Whether we are high school students or not, we must all continually consider the Lord’s call in our lives.

Work experience is available to all grade 11 and 12 students. If a student is interested in exploring a specific career, they are encouraged to try to find a work experience placement in that area. Every 25 hours of work equals one high school credit and hours do not necessarily need to be completed during school hours. If more information is required, please talk to me about this great opportunity.

Veronica DenOudsten
Career Counselor

CACHS Catering

CACHS Catering upcoming events:

March 2 – “Swing into Spring” – Family Dinner
Fundraiser – formerly Harvest Fest

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
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