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Moving Forward!

**“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 3: 12-14**

When I consider the progression of our school over the last 28 years, beginning with the portable at Lacombe Christian School (1988), the purchase and building of phase one in 1991, phase two involving four new classrooms in 1995, phase three (gym, kitchen) in 1998, phase four adding six more classrooms and enhanced office and library space, and just recently the development of our soccer field, I am amazed. As our teams played their first game last week on our very own sports field, as we were blessed with an amazing “Swing into Spring” event in March, I am reminded of Paul’s words, that we are to not become complacent in developing new programs and new opportunities to educate our children in His ways in all areas. These programs are not for our glory, but rather to honor the

gifts and talents each student has been given by our Lord. Therefore, may we never tire of pressing onward in developing these initiatives as we seek to provide meaningful educational opportunities for all our students.

Christian education has been in existence in Lacombe since 1945. The caption on the Lacombe Christian School’s 50th anniversary book reads, “God’s Faithfulness, Our Foundation and Future”. When I consider the history of our schools and their progression since my arrival almost 30 years ago, I am excited about seeing where God will lead our school communities in the future. May we continually seek His wisdom, may we remain faithful to recognizing the value of making His ways known to our children, and may we continually seek out ways to bless both within and outside of these walls.

As my time at CACHS draws to a close over the next couple of months, I am so often reminded of the incredible blessings I have received from God and this Central Alberta community. And so I will leave this excerpt with the words found in Numbers 6: 24-26:

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

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 Lord your God wins victory after victory and is always with you. He celebrates and sings because of you and he will refresh your life with his love.”
Zephaniah 3:17

Spring is here and it is a busy time. Exams are fast approaching, graduation is around the corner and calendars are full as we approach the closing of another school year. We pray for strength and guidance in all that students, staff and families have ahead of them in the coming month.

The board would like to take this time to welcome Kyle Van Stryland to the teaching staff at CACHS. He will be teaching math, computers and music next year. Also, we are pleased to announce the hiring of Cindy Ekkel as our new development director! We are looking forward to both of you being part of the school's staff.

Sue Stang
Board Secretary

Financial Update for May 2017

Tuition letters will be coming out at the end of May beginning of June. Please return the payment schedule back to me by June 16th. I will also be sending out Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization forms to the families who had signed up this year. If you would like to sign up for next year, please give me a call.

The budget for the 2017-2018 school year will be presented at the Society meeting on May 18th at 7:30. Hope to see you all there.

For an update about the Fashion Show please see the note elsewhere in this newsletter.

Yours in Christ
Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

Farewell Assembly and Tea

We would like to invite you to a farewell assembly and tea for Mel and Sandra Brandsma which will take place on Monday, June 12th. The assembly will begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by a tea and goodies which will go until about 1:00 p.m.

Drama 20/30 Presentation

Come join the drama classes for their rendition of Louisa May Alcott's timeless and enduring classic *Little Women*. Witness the March sisters' journey from childhood to maturity during the American Civil War. Follow the sisters: Meg, the eldest; Jo, the high-spirited tomboy; Amy, the self-centered beauty; and gentle Beth, as well as their beloved Marmee and Father as they learn to endure both good times and bad as they share the joys and pains of growing up.

Dates: Wednesday, June 7th and Thursday, June 8th
Time: Play will start at 7:00 pm/Doors open at 6:30

Tickets are available for \$10.00 each through the CACHS office. Call Ann at 403-782-4535 to reserve your seats.

2017 Fashion Show News

Another Fashion Show has come and gone and the Fashion Show committee would like to thank everyone for coming out for the evening. Thirteen runs were featured with clothing from businesses in Lacombe and Red Deer. The audience enjoyed laughter, door prizes, silent auction items and great desserts made by CACHS Catering. Some heartfelt information regarding Parkinson's disease was shared by Leah Ebens (whose father has Parkinson's). A wonderful time was had by all and \$5,604.20 was raised for Parkinson Alberta.

Over the past nine years the students have raised a total of \$46,666.82 for eight different charities. We are truly blessed and thankful for the support the community has given CACHS for this student led activity.

Please see the thank you letter from Parkinson Alberta that is part of this newsletter.

Library News

It is that time of the year again when the countdown to the end has started - five weeks till diploma exams start and seven weeks until 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 8th. All books will need to be returned to the library by June 12th.** Thank you for your assistance.

Yvonne Reed
Librarian

Grade 10 Registration

If your child will be attending CACHS in the fall, we would ask that you send in their registration as soon as possible. The registration forms were part of the information package that was handed out when Mr. Brandsma visited with the Grade 9 classes in April. If you require a new registration form please contact the school or download it from our website www.cachs.ca The course selection sheets have been finalized and have been dropped off at both Lacombe Christian School and Ponoka Christian School. If you have any questions, please call the school at 403-782-4535.

Development Committee Update

The Development Committee would like to inform the CACHS community that a new Development Director has been hired. **Welcome to Cindy Ekkel!**

Alumni email requests. If you are CACHS alumni or related to a CACHS alumni we would appreciate an email contact. The CACHS Connection, which is the alumni newsletter, is sent out via email. This newsletter is a great way to keep up with what is happening at CACHS and alumni. Please send the emails to office@cachs.ca

Career Corner

"We need to affirm and confirm that the Christian vocation is fulfilled in response to and in the power and grace of the Holy Spirit. We do not live self-constructed lives. Instead, we live by intentional attentiveness to the Holy Spirit who:

- Illumines our minds to see and appreciate what God is doing in the world and to see the world as God sees it;
- Graces us to see ourselves in truth and know the humility of self-acceptance.
- Guides us through the transitions of our lives."

Page 116 of "Consider your Calling" by Gordon T. Smith.

Reminder to the grade 12 students that CACHS scholarships are due May 15th and May 31st. Applications are available at my office.

Veronica DenOudsten
Career Counselor

Graduation 2017

May is drawing to a close and grad will soon be here! Here are some things you need to know: Grad takes place on Friday, June 30th at 2 p.m. at New Life Fellowship CRC in Red Deer. Doors for the banquet, which will be held at CACHS, will open at 5:30 p.m. with the banquet (by invitation only) starting at 6:00 p.m. As well, the grads are headed off on their grad trip to Canmore and Banff on Wednesday, May 24th for a few days of friendship, fun and lifelong memories.

Parents: please take note that there will be a Parent Meeting for the after grad party on Tuesday, June 13th at 7:30 p.m. at CACHS. Please mark this date on your calendar.

CACHS Catering

CACHS Catering upcoming events:

June 12 – Farewell dinner for Mel & Sandra Brandsma at CACHS

June 30 – CACHS grad

August 18 – Erin Vandeborn/Jacob Binnema wedding at Tees Hall

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

October 12 – PCS Thanksgiving dinner fundraiser

We are very thankful to the seniors/grandparents who faithfully come and help us at every major event. Their willingness to roll meatballs, peel potatoes and prepare salads and fruit platters lightens our work load immensely and we have a lot of fun while working together.

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

Job Opportunity

Building Blocks Thrift Store in Lacombe has a job opening for Saturdays (11:00 – 4:00). There will be some flexibility on the number of Saturdays per month. Please phone Sylvia at 403-885-2912 for more information and to apply.

Calendar

May 22 – Victoria Day – no school

May 24, 25, & 26 – Grade 12 grad trip

June 9 – Staff collaboration day – no school

June 12 – Farewell for Mel & Sandra Brandsma

June 16 – Social Studies 30-1/30-2 diploma – a.m.

June 21 – 26 – Grade 10 & 11 school exams

June 23 – Social Studies 30-1/30-2 diploma – a.m.

June 28 – Biology 30 diploma – a.m.

June 29 – Physics 30 diploma – a.m.

June 30 – Grade 12 graduation

September 5 – First day of 2017-2018 school year