

NEWSLETTER

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“Change is hard at first, messy in the middle and gorgeous at the end.” (Robin Sharma)

The topic of change has been on my mind for a period of time. Why it is necessary. Why it can be an opportunity for growth and development. Why we so often resist this venture that time and time again shows its value.

Each year at school we celebrate change. We celebrate the maturation of students as they progress from grade 10 to grade 12. We marvel at skill development in athletics, at increases in personal confidence in drama productions, at the increase in knowledge and application in math and sciences, and we praise God for spiritual development we see evidence of in the years following high school.

For young people, change is inevitable and part of life. It is celebrated when we graduate to the next grade, when driver’s licenses are earned, when certificates are achieved, and when new opportunities arise, personally and professionally.

Somewhere along the way, we as adults often begin to fear change, to find comfort and security in constancy. While parts of this mindset are valuable, we as well lose out on challenging opportunities for growth.

I was reminded of this as I recently exchanged my role as educator to that of a student and experienced some angst as I navigated through uncertainty and questioning of my abilities to learn the material presented. I found comfort knowing that God is unchanging, that He will always be there to guide, to equip, and to provide the strength to carry out the tasks to which He calls us to.

At CACHS, as we navigate through change in leadership, I pray that the words of Joshua are with the new leaders and will be a foundation for them in the years ahead. This school, and all who are a part of the CACHS community, have blessed my family and I but have also equipped us for tasks that lie in the future. I will forever be grateful for the 26 years I have so enjoyed here at this wonderful school. I have also come to realize that change does not need to come from a place of discontent, but simply being obedient to a call God places on a heart.

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

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

We are pleased to announce that Peter Hoekstra has accepted the Principal position at CACHS starting this fall. We look forward to working with Pete and anticipate a smooth transition of our leadership team. At the present time we are reviewing applications for the Vice-Principal position. Your prayers are appreciated as we seek to continue to bring quality Christian high school education to Central Alberta.

On Behalf of the Board
Lennard VanderSchee
Chairman

Swing Into Spring

Deadline to reserve your tickets for the Swing into Spring Family Dinner Fundraiser is February 27th.



If you have not heard, CACHS is hosting a **Fundraiser Dinner**. The dinner is **FREE**, but your table's dessert can be bought at the **'Dessert Silent Auction'**.

A presentation will be given by the **Industrial Arts Program Committee**.

On each table there will be envelopes with donation slips, so you will all have the opportunity to donate towards the Industrial Arts Program at CACHS.

Please phone the school at 403-782-4535 to reserve your spot for dinner. This is important, as we need to know how many we are feeding. The deadline to reserve your spot is Monday, February 27, by noon.

Come out and help us realize our vision of having an Industrial Arts Program at CACHS.

If you would like to make a dessert for our "Dessert Silent Auction", please contact Sandra at sbrandsma@cachs.ca.

Financial Update for February 2017

By now you should have received your income tax receipt. If you haven't received it, please contact me and I will send a copy to you.

If you haven't already sent in your tuition cheques for the school, statements have been sent in the mail, please contact me at the school at 403-782-4535.

If you still would like to donate to the Fall Drive, please send to: Central Alberta Christian High School, 22 Eagle Road, Lacombe, AB T4L 1G7. Attention – Wendy Barnes – Fall Drive.

Yours in Christ
Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

Calling all Grade 8 & 9 students

You are invited to our High School "Sneek Peek" afternoon. CACHS is hosting the Junior High visiting day on March 9th. Our plans are to have lunch at 12:00 followed by an assembly and three sessions. We anticipate the afternoon coming to a close around 2:30 pm. This day is always a great way to get to know staff and students, and experience what high school at CACHS is all about.

Please call the school office at 403-782-4535 if you have questions or concerns.

Calendar

February 20 – Family Day – no school
February 21 – Staff Collaboration day
February 21 – 24 – February break – no school
March 2 – Swing into Spring Fundraiser
March 9 – Open house for grade 8 & 9 students
- noon to 2:30 pm
March 10 – Staff Collaboration day – no school
March 23 to April 1 – Europe Trip
March 23 – April 2 – Spring Break – Note change of dates from original calendar
April 3 – Classes resume
April 10, 11 & 12 – Grad picture days
June 30 – Grade 12 graduation

Library News - February 2017

February already! The month set aside to tell those special in your life that they are loved. In the person of Christ we have the perfect example of unconditional love. We all desire it, crave it and aspire to give it. Unlike the romance novels that we can find on book store and library shelves, unconditional love is not necessarily reciprocated. But that is what we are called to do, love in spite of it not being returned. So take a moment and tell someone in your life that they are special and loved.

I have several new books in the Melanie Dickerson's "*A Medieval Fairy Tale Series*". She takes well known fairy tales (Sleeping Beauty, Rapunzel, and Beauty and the Beast, etc) and retells them within the historical setting and gives them a spiritual theme. Most of our Disney fairytales had a deeper and at times a darker beginning. Dickerson has in a sense redeemed them, and brought back the deeper spiritual meaning behind each story.

A newer author to our collection is Eric Walters. Even though he has been writing for many years, he has just recently repackaged several of his series into a young adult format. Look for the series "*The Rule of Thre3*", a series based on the event of a total global blackout due to a viral catastrophe. This is not a new concept. Terri Blackstock also wrote the series "*Night Light*" with this as the theme, both series very different yet very interesting. How would we survive without technology, cell phones, computers, our modern cars, electricity and heat?

You can find both these series on the 'spinning' rack in the library.

I hope you have a blessed month.

Yvonne Reed
Librarian

Career Corner

"Discerning vocation requires that we have as much clarity as possible about ourselves and about our circumstances. And so Paul urged the Christian believers in Rome to take a sober look at themselves, for only then could they respond confidently to the calling and grace of God and live in true humility."
The Voice of Jesus by Gordon T. Smith

Lacombe Rotary Scholarship applications are due March 31, 2017. All grade 12 students were informed about this opportunity. Four awards of \$1000 will be made to students graduating from high school who demonstrate:

1. Leadership and motivational skills in school and community activities.
2. Academic achievement adequate to gain admittance to the post-secondary institution and program of their choice.
3. A need for financial assistance in continuing studies.

Veronica DenOudsten
Career Counselor

Europe Trip 2017

March 23, our departure date, is quickly approaching and the final arrangements for our trip to Europe are being made. Flights have been booked, passports obtained, papers signed and other essential details attended to. All of this has the effect of creating a sense of excitement as we anticipate seeing new sights and experiencing the many other delights of travel to a new destination!

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

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

Pete Hoekstra
Trip Coordinator

CACHS Catering

CACHS Catering upcoming events:

March 2 – “Swing into Spring” – CACHS fundraiser supper

March 11 – Michael Tilbury/Annie Abraham
Whitnack wedding supper at Lincoln Hall

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

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

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.

Chocolate chunk – 4

Ginger crinkle – 3

Monster cookie – 2

Motherlode – 1

White Chocolate Macadamia nut – 4

Oatmeal Coconut Chocolate chunk – 3

Shortbread – 3

Sugar Cookie – 3

Cinnamon buns with icing – 2 boxes

Lifetouch Picture Orders from Fall 2016

Parents can still go online and place their order (they need their proof sheet) or they can call Lifetouch's Customer Service department at 1-866-457-8212. All orders will ship directly to the customer! These photos are available for only about 11 months so orders for fall 2016 must be placed before the fall of 2017.

If anyone has misplaced their proof sheet, please contact Jennifer at 403-356-9410 or jbond@lifetouch.ca and she will have a new one sent to the school.

If parents have any questions regarding an order, payments, or missing packages, please contact Customer Service directly at 1-866-457-8212.

Found

A lanyard with a vehicle key and a smaller key and a couple of loyalty reward cards, was found in our library recently. If you are missing yours, please contact the school to identify the lanyard and keys and we will be happy to return it to you.