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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

The words of this familiar refrain came through me on my walk home last Monday night. We had just wrapped up our final board meeting of the year and as so often happens as a year is completed, praise and thankfulness came to mind. Ted Jeninga, a teacher from Winnipeg Christian School asks at the teachers' convention each year for some 300 teachers to sing this song with him as a blessing to all new teachers in our organization. It is always a special moment.

Praise Him for how He has blessed us as a school over the last 28 years. Praise God for the way He has provided each step along the way from a dream, to a portable, to a building and three expansions. From a time where the basic curriculum courses were only offered, to a time when we can explore and create new programming all designed to glorify God and honor the talents He has bestowed upon us, each of His children.

Praise Him all creatures here below. Each year we set out new goals for the year, new targets to achieve and new obstacles to circumvent. But one thing remains for

many of us; the desire to educate our children in God's ways. We wish for many things but the longing to have our children adopt the faith remains the strongest. Whether a child's future vocation involves being a farmer, baker, lawyer, or surveyor, these pale beside knowing our child is in a relationship with our Lord. We educate through the lens of faith, and we trust the work of the Holy Ghost will awaken the heart to the desire to serve God and one's fellow man.

In the book Man's Search for Meaning Victor Frankl speaks of finding strength in a place where all hope was deliberately destroyed. He writes of one thing that will always remain, that is the last of human freedoms - the ability to "choose one's attitude in a given set of circumstances." He states of seeing firsthand in the concentration camp, how faith provided unparalleled strength to those few who possessed it, those who had faith were often able to rise above the circumstances and be a blessing to others.

Frankl later writes, "Everyone has his own specific vocation or mission in life; everyone must carry out a concrete assignment that demands fulfillment. Therein he cannot be replaced, nor can his life be repeated. Thus, everyone's task is unique as is his specific opportunity to implement it." As Christians we must find purpose in life not in seeking happiness, pleasure and possessions, but rather in service to God and our fellow man. We must constantly remind ourselves that we are created for a purpose; that in

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

honoring our uniqueness, our mission, we praise our Heavenly Father. May we be found faithful in doing the work God calls us to.

Mr. Brandsma

Board Notes

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new board members – Kandice Heltman, Hennie van de Brake and Brian Bajema. We are thankful for your commitment to serve on the board. We would also like to express our gratitude to Sue Stang, Cheryl Talsma and Fred Ollewagen for their dedication in their roles to the board over the last three years.

Positions for the 2017/2018 school year are as follows:

Chair & Finance – Lennard VanderSchee

Treasurer – Phil Tenbrinke

Secretary – Kandice Heltman

Development – Jolanda Rodenburg

Development – Hennie van de Brake

Education – Tracey Wiersma

Education – Brian Bajema

Vice Chair & Maintenance – Martin van de Velde

Shop Program Update – On October 2nd, 2017, Central Alberta Christian High School will be holding a special society meeting to consider a motion to proceed with the building of a shop for the school. **Please mark this date on your calendar.**

The total cost of the project will be \$1.05 million dollars. In addition to the \$55,000 that was raised at the “Swing into Spring” event, the board is extremely thankful that an additional \$520,000 has also been pledged to date. If you would like to pledge towards this project prior to the October 2nd meeting, please contact the school’s business administrator for details.

A membership for the 2017-2018 school year is required 30 days before the member can vote as per the school’s bylaws. If you do not hold a membership at this time, you would need to get one by September 2nd, 2017 to vote for the building of the Industrial Arts shop.

For further information, please feel free to contact

our committee members (Sue & Darrell Stang, Pete Walls, Nick Den Oudsten or Sean Folkerts). In addition, check out the CACHS website for preliminary drawings of what the shop would look like and where it would be built.

Students will soon be writing final exams and we pray for clarity and wisdom as they prepare for them. We wish students, staff and parents a wonderful and restful summer! May God continue to bless you and guide you as you seek to do His will.

Sue Stang
Board Secretary

Financial Update for June 2017

The Board, staff and students would like to thank the Building Blocks Thrift Store for their generous donation of \$25,000.00. This donation helps with keeping the cost of tuition down for families.

Letters regarding tuition for next year and renewal forms for Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization Forms have been mailed out. Please have your authorization forms for EFT back to school by August 15th for the September run to be processed. If you have not done EFT’s before and would like to do this, give me a call and I will get a form to you. I will be at school for most of the summer so give the school a call if you need anything.

Hope you all have a great summer!

Yours in Christ
Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

Graduation 2017

Graduation 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.

Career Corner

“Skill development and the cultivation of our capacity for something are a response to vocation. Giftedness does not, ultimately, determine vocation but is rather in the service of vocation.” Pg 46 of Consider Your Calling

Graduates will be receiving the book “Consider Your Calling” as a graduation gift. This book goes through six questions for discerning one’s vocation. It is a valuable resource that asks: “as a steward of your life, in attentiveness to the calling of God, how is God inviting you to engage the world?” I pray that all graduates continue to seek the Lord in their journey.

A reminder to grade 12 students who are planning on going to school in the future that the Rutherford scholarship is available. Money is available based on grade 10, 11 and 12 grades. An average of 75% in any or all grades is all that is necessary to receive some money from the government for post secondary education.

Veronica DenOudsten
Career Counselor

Library News

Another year is almost done – time flies when you are having fun and this year has been fun. Thank you to all the students who make my days interesting. I hope you all have a fabulous summer!

Just a reminder, that the cost of any library books that have not been returned to the school will be deducted from the book deposit. Students who have outstanding books have been notified and we hope to see these books returned before the end of the school year.

Thank you for the awesome year and I look forward to seeing you in the fall!

Yvonne Reed
Librarian

Grade 10 Registration

If your child will be attending CACHS in the fall, we would ask that you send in their completed registration form as soon as possible. The course selections sheets have been finalized and were dropped off at both Lacombe Christian School and Ponoka Christian School. Please complete these as well if you have not already done so. If you require a new registration form, course selection sheet or have any questions, please call Ann at CACHS at 403-782-4535.

CACHS Catering

CACHS Catering upcoming events:

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 would like to have us cater 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

Calendar

June 21 to 26 – Grade 10 & 11 school exams

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

CACHS Alumni Update

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