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Character

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead..... These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.” Hebrews 11

This year in some of our assemblies we will be exploring the topic of character development through biblical heroes of the faith found in Hebrews 11. High school is a unique and important time for character development of young men and women. The transition from the interests of junior high students to young adults begins in this critical period of life. The maturing of a child-like faith to one where doubts and complexity may come into play, where the black and white reveal some gray, where Mom and Dad’s belief or word requires

explanation, exploration and validation. Through some of these characters we will explore how “failures” in life lived, can often produce seeds of faith and lives of hope.

Our world seeks out heroes and we are constantly bombarded with examples found in politics, business, athletics and the entertainment industry. However, these individuals often fail to reveal distinct Christian character, especially that of faith. (Galatians 5)

Characters found in Hebrews reveal character developed through the highs and lows of life. It is faith revealed through tragedy, sin, doubt, and trust, all areas that confront each of us, particularly our young people.

As we begin a new school year, we covet your prayers for our students and staff. We pray for wisdom as we teach the curriculum but especially that we may reveal God through the course studies, through relationship building, both in word and deed. May each of us have the courage to consider the needs of others more clearly than our own needs and may we develop the kind of faith where each of us too may be counted in with the list of those found faithful. All else pales in comparison. May God use each of us to reveal a small piece of His glory, His character.

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, I would like to welcome two new families, the Oddsson's and the Schmidt's, as well as students and staff to CACHS. May God richly bless you and challenge you in His service this upcoming school year.

As a board, we are thankful for prayers regarding wisdom, guidance and clarity as we carry out the roles that we have been entrusted with by the school.

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Blessings,
Sue Stang
Board Secretary

Financial Update for June

As another school year has started, I would ask that if you haven't already done so, to please send in your \$150/student book deposit cheque dated for June 16, 2017 to the school along with your tuition cheques. If you would still like to do direct deposit for this year, please contact me and we will set it up.

Membership renewal letters have gone out in the mail. For families with students at CACHS, your membership is included with your tuition.

Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

Absent/Late Students

If your son/daughter will not be at school or will be late, please email the school at office@cachs.ca or call 403-782-4535. Thank you!

Thank You!

We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to the Art Class for the painting that was given to the Building Blocks Thrift Store in June. It really shows your creative side as you brought together all the different aspects and ministry work that goes on in the Thrift Store each day. We were very pleased to hang it up. Thanks again and come on down and have a look!

Board and Volunteers of BBTS (Building Blocks Thrift Store)

Reminders

Book Deposits – If you have not already sent in the \$150/student book deposit cheque, we would ask that you do so as soon as possible. Please date the cheque for June 16, 2017 at which time it will be returned with the end of the year report card, if all your child's books are returned in good condition.

Offsite Activity Consent form – Each year we are required to have a current Offsite Activity consent form on file for your child. Again if you have not yet completed the form for this year, please do so and return it to the school as soon as possible. If you need a new form please call the school at 403-782-4535.

CACHS Family Phone List

For families who have students at CACHS, the CACHS family phone list is part of this newsletter. Please check to make sure your phone information is correct and notify the school if changes need to be made. Thank you.

Alumni Volleyball Tournament

The annual alumni volleyball tournament has been **tentatively set** for Saturday, December 17th. Please watch for more information when details are finalized.

Career Corner

John Krueger, in his book, *Discovering your Vocation* (1966), emphasizes that the way we think determines the choices that we make. As Christians, we need to reflect on our Christian beliefs so that they shape our desires and direct our career paths. "Scripture", he says, "does not give us details for our personal career paths, but it does provide principles to guide our decisions."

We continue to encourage and challenge our students to look to the future. Here are some details about events that we promote:

- Tuesday, September 13 – Grade 11 and 12 students travelled to Lacombe Composite High School to take part in the Career Day they hosted. There were over 25 post secondary schools or institutions that had representatives on hand.
- Saturday, September 24 – The University of Alberta is hosting an engineering EXPO.
- September 30 and October 1 – Alberta's largest and most comprehensive Career and Job fair is being hosted at the Edmonton Expo Center.
- October 27 – CACHS will be hosting the post-secondary day where 15 schools will be sending representatives. All students will be able to find out information, and then will be heading to three different presentations.

Please check out the websites for these events, and think about attending an open house for schools that are most interesting. October is a busy month for colleges and universities as most have preview days or open houses where the public can check out their schools.

I am at school most Monday's and Wednesday's, so if you have any questions please call.

Veronica DenOudsten
Career Counselor

Library News

The first month of school is speeding by and the library has been a busy place. Last year it was busy too, only for other reasons. We had a large puzzle on the go which was completed and is now hanging on the wall just outside of the Library. Feel free to come and admire the beautiful puzzle that involved many hands!

This fall the library has been busy with individuals reading! It is so amazing to come in after our staff devotions and find the room full of individuals either studying or deep into a favorite book.

A big thank you to the individual who left a pile of donated novels on my desk recently. They will be added to our collection soon. Any donations are gladly accepted! If we already a copy of the book I will find a suitable home for the duplicate.

If you are interested in reading Christian novels in a variety of genre, please come and peruse the collection. If you have a student at CACHS or strong ties to the school, I can help you with the check out process. The first time please come and see me and I will get you set up.

Thank you again for all your support.

Yvonne Reed
Librarian

Calendar

- September 26 – Picture day – individual & class
- September 30 – Staff collaboration day – No School
- October 6 – "Meet the Teacher" evening –
7:00 – 8:30 pm
- October 10 – Thanksgiving – no school
- October 20 and 21 – Teachers Convention in
Lethbridge – no school
- November 8 – Picture retake day
- November 11 – Remembrance Day – no school
- December 17 – **Tentative date** for Alumni volleyball
tournament
- December 23 – January 8 – Christmas break

CACHS Catering

CACHS Catering upcoming events:

October 1 – Breakfast, lunch and supper for ladies
retreat at Rehoboth

October 8 – Wedding at Lincoln Hall

October 13 – Ponoka Christian School Thanksgiving
Supper

October 22 – birthday dinner at Rehoboth

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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