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“Being Known”

“I have a Maker, He formed my heart. Before even time began, my life was in His hands.

He knows my name, He knows my every thought. He sees each tear that falls, and hears me when I call.

I have a Father, He calls me His own. He’ll never leave me, no matter where I go..... He hears me when I call.”

(Words of a familiar song written by Paul Baloche).

Knowing others in our “isolated” world is difficult. How do we come to know each other? Do we want to know each other? Do we want to be known by others? The difficulty in knowing others is that it brings problems as well. There is also an equally frightening concern over being known and the worry over whether or not we will still be valued.

Each year at CACHS one of my objectives is to get to know each student, in particular each new student, who walks through the door. Knowing you belong, knowing someone values you enough to know your name, is the beginning of a journey into a relationship that blesses both parties. Each year as well though, I see reluctance by a few students to begin a relationship that goes beyond a name. That does not seek to honor the other person or allow oneself to be honored.

This situation that I lament, does however provide an insight into what God feels about many of us. In baptism we recognize God claiming a person as His very own. And yet each one of us at times has resisted the offering of a relationship with God that offers companionship, strength and guidance. It is a relationship that is available in all things and through all things. It is unlike my relationships. It is one that seeks more to give than to receive, to bless more than be blessed. God’s gift is selfless.

In Proverbs 27, King Solomon writes of knowing “.... the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds; for riches do not endure forever, and a crown is not secure for all generations.” We could take this as just a directive for those in the farming vocation; however, I believe the context is there as well in knowing the condition of our children’s hearts and also of knowing the condition of our own heart. As we gaze at our neighbors behind our quickly closed doors and assume all is well, we too gaze at the hearts and minds of each other and assume all is well. Get to know one another to the point where we can safely ask and reveal, “Is is well with your soul?”

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.

I Corinthians 13:12

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

Our Fall Society Meeting was held on November 17 with 27 members in attendance. Many items were discussed during the meeting. There was a motion on the floor from the Board to change our by-laws stating that we go from two society meetings per year to an annual society meeting. The motion regarding this item was passed. Wendy Barnes also reviewed the financials and she stated that the school is currently in a good financial position.

Our principal, Mel Brandsma spoke on the many things that we at CACHS are thankful for! These included: our building, the land we have and its location, our current funding from the government, the tremendous giving that we receive, the steady enrollment we have, the great staff, and our outstanding students!

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 says “Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Sue Stang
Board Secretary

Financial Update for November

By now you should have received a Fall Drive brochure either in the mail or through your church mailboxes. Prayerfully consider to what extent you can support CACHS through this year’s drive. Our goal is set at \$100,000.00. We would like to thank the people who already donated to the drive. To receive a donation receipt for 2016, please have your donation to the school by 11:30 am on December 31, 2016. I will be making a deposit at noon that day.

The audit is complete and things went well. As a school we are truly blessed by our school community whether it is through financial support, volunteer opportunities by helping CACHS Catering or Building Blocks and especially through prayer. Thank you for all your support.

A reminder to save the date of Thursday, March 2, 2017 for the “Swing into Spring” fundraiser which

will be replacing Harvest Fest. Watch for details to follow in upcoming newsletters, Facebook and our website.

If you haven’t already sent in your post dated tuition cheques for the school, please send them to the school’s Business Office. If you would like to do direct deposit, please contact me at the school at 403-782-4535.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to give me a call.

Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

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 and if all your child’s books are returned in good condition, the cheque will be returned with the final report card in June.

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 (forms were recently mailed out to those families who have not yet completed the Offsite Activity Consent form)

CACHS Alumni Volleyball Tournament

The CACHS Alumni Volleyball tournament will be held December 17. Teams may have no more than two non-alumni players. Cost is \$150/team. Deadline to enter your team is December 10. For more information or to enter your men’s or women’s team please text Colleen at 403-302-2659.

Career Corner

“Choosing well is an art. But it is first of all a burden that is accepted. We cannot choose well unless we first, willingly and without bitterness, accept the reality that choices are a part of life, and that we will not live in truth and freedom unless we act. Sometimes this means that we accept the reality of a Y in the road, a decision that is forced upon us. We can resent this, or graciously accept this as part of life. We cannot go in both directions. Sometimes our choosing is a matter of courage. But we choose, as an act of life and as an intentional response to the call of God on our lives.”
Gordon T. Smith

Our grade 12 students are facing a Y in their life as they come to the end of high school. We continue to equip and challenge our students to move forward and try new things.

Our grade 12's all attended ThinkAg at the Agri trade in Red Deer. Students travelled through six different sessions that each highlighted different careers in the agricultural industry. They also received a free meal and some valuable time exploring the floor of the Westerner to see what's happening in agriculture.

Open houses at colleges, bible schools and universities will continue in the new year. A reminder for our grade 12 students that you should apply to any of the Alberta post secondary schools through APPLY Alberta.

Veronica DenOudsten
Career Counselor

CACHS Basketball Tournament

Everyone is welcome to come out to CACHS on Saturday, December 10th to play in our 3rd annual basketball tournament. Current students, alumni, parents and friends are welcome to come join us at 9:00 A.M. We will make fair and equitable teams and then start playing. We hope to be done by 4:00 pm. Talk to Veronica at 403-318-0349 if you have questions.

Library News

Watch for Library News next month.

Yvonne Reed
Librarian

CACHS Catering

CACHS Catering upcoming events:

December 13 – Seniors at Bethel
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
Clase van Iperen
Rosemary Vander Ploeg



Europe Trip

Time has a way of passing quickly and travelers who have signed up for the 2017 Europe trip are making their preparations, including acquiring passports if necessary. We make these plans in the knowledge that everything we do is subject to God's providence and care.

If you have not joined the tour, you still have the opportunity to do so until December 30 with no additional charge. The cost to you would be:

\$3,745 (student) + \$149 Insurance = \$3,894

\$4,135 (adult) + \$149 Insurance = \$4,284

Those wishing to do so after this date are not guaranteed a place – arrangements would be conditional to availability of space – and would be charged a late fee.

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: Return

For those who have already signed up, please be mindful of the following deadline:

Final Payment: **Balance**

Due: **Noon November 29, 2016**

Please feel free to contact me at the school or via email if you have any questions.

Pete Hoekstra

Europe Trip Coordinator

phoekstra@cachs.ca

Internet Safety - Parent Night at Lacombe Christian School

Parents of CACHS students are invited to join Lacombe Christian School for an informative presentation as LCS hosts Cyber Security Strategist Kathy Macdonald M.O.M., MSc, CPP. Kathy will be teaching safe Internet habits for teens, and will teach parents specifically about:

- Cyber-bullying
- Internet abuse
- Teen Social Media use
- Privacy settings & personal information
- Tactics to reduce texting and driving
- Healthy use of connected technologies
- Our teen's 'digital footprint'

This session will equip parents to reduce online risks for their children and promote healthy use of technology.

Lacombe Christian School West Campus: Tuesday, November 29th at 7:30 pm. 5206 – 58 Street, Lacombe. Free to attend. Refreshments provided.

Calendar

November 29 – Parent Information evening on Internet Safety at Lacombe Christian School – see note elsewhere

December 2 – Staff collaboration day – **no School**

December 10 – Basketball tournament at CACHS - see note elsewhere

December 17 – Alumni volleyball tournament – see note elsewhere

December 22 – Last day of classes

December 23 – January 8 – Christmas break

January 9 – Classes resume

Please note that graduation has been set for June 30, 2017.

CACHS Family Phone List

Please check the actual newsletter to update your CACHS family phone list for the following families.

Paul & Wilma Oddsson

Bernie & Teresa TenHove

Will & Aggie Kingma