

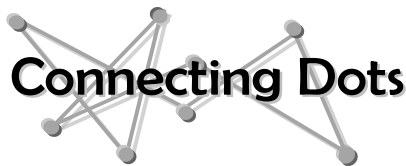


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# NEWSLETTER

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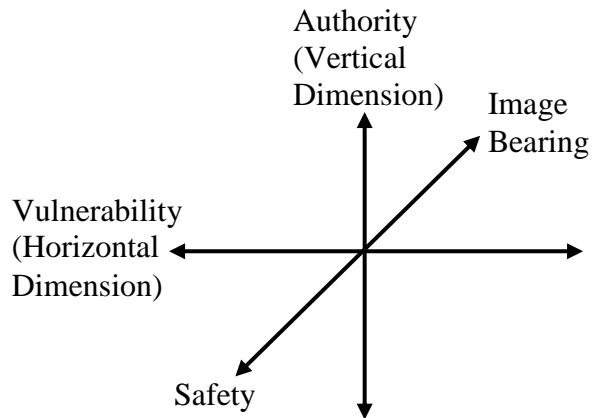


## Power – Authority combined with vulnerability

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45. “who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.” Philippians 2: 6-7

At a recent Christian Schools Canada conference, our speaker, Andy Crouch, spoke of finding a balance between having authority and yet allowing vulnerability. He suggested in this paradox we will find a place where we and others can thrive, where large numbers of individuals can teem with life, where we can escape the limits others place upon us and all are free to be who we are created to be.

If we live in the safety zone, we are without authority, but we also escape responsibility (vulnerable). If we move to the upper left, we grab onto authority but use it like a club and therefore are not accountable to others. If we find ourselves in the bottom right, we have no authority and are extremely vulnerable (impoverished). As leaders, we need to seek a balance where we have authority but do not seek to gain power but rather empower others.



In many ways we seek to resemble God who has all authority and yet offers us the opportunity to make choices, to love Him or to wander, to invest in the gifts He’s given us or to retreat in safety and bury our talents. As each of us finds ourselves in positions of leadership within families, friends and organizations, may we seek to empower others, to enable all in our care to thrive in a place where we become active image bearers of our Creator.

Mr. Brandsma

## Absent/Late Students

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

**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*

There has been no news regarding the Safe and Caring Policy. We continue to ask for prayers as we wait for notification from the government on this policy.

Industrial Arts classes are going well at Parkland Adventist Academy. Six students are taking construction this term. The Industrial Arts Committee is exploring options for future classes.

Sue Stang  
Board Secretary

## *Financial Update for June*

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

You would have received your membership renewal in the mail recently. If you would like to retain your membership with the school, please send the form and membership fee to the school.

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.

Watch your mailboxes (church and home) in the beginning of November for the Fall Drive Brochure as the drive will be starting November 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

Wendy Barnes  
Business Administrator

## *Graduation Date Set*

The date for the graduation has been set for Friday, June 30, 2017. Please make a note of this on your calendars.

## *Curriculum Survey*

Last week, Education Minister David Eggen and Premier Rachel Notley announced the launch of the online curriculum survey as part of their broad engagement to hear feedback from Albertans in every corner of the province. The survey can be accessed at [curriculumsurvey.alberta.ca](http://curriculumsurvey.alberta.ca) and will be available for everyone in the province until November 18, 2016.

We encourage you as teachers, parents, students and community members to respond to the survey. More information on curriculum development can be found on the Alberta Education website.

## *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*

This list was omitted from last month's newsletter. For families who have students at CACHS, the CACHS family phone list is now 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.

Also if you have a change in your mailing address or contact information, please inform the school as soon as possible as this information is also required by Alberta Education for your son/daughter's record.

## Career Corner

Gordon T. Smith is the president of Ambrose University in Calgary. He has published many books on discernment and considering one's call. The following quote comes from his book, The Voice of Jesus.

“So it is that the capacity to discern vocation is a critical skill for the Christian believer. It is not the only thing we need when it comes to knowing the voice of Jesus, but it is one of the most critical issues that will intersect our lives. At this point and in this place, what is it that I am called to do? Within the range of current opportunities, as I consider a possibility, is this a cross that I am being called to bear? (pg 186-187)

Representatives from Ambrose University, Burman University, Prairie Bible College, Olds College, Red Deer College, Trinity Western University, Redeemer University College, The King's University, Canadian Mennonite University, Providence University College, Booth College, Tyndale Seminary and College, Crandall University and Vanguard College were all here on October 27, 2016. There was opportunity for all of our students to check out booths filled with information, and to hear from representatives in 35 minutes presentations. Hopefully the afternoon challenged and encouraged students to think about the opportunities that are available for them after school.

The grade 12 class will be heading to the Agri-Trade in Red Deer the morning of November 9<sup>th</sup>. The Think-Ag Career Expo is hosting an educational event for students where there will be six 15 minutes sessions on various careers in the agricultural industry. We look forward to this opportunity.

Veronica DenOudsten  
Career Counselor

## No Busing

We have been informed by Wolf Creek Transportation that Wolf Creek buses will not be running on January 13 and April 28, 2017. Prairie Bus Lines will not be running on April 28, 2017.

## Library News

With Thanksgiving behind us, we now have a few weeks before Christmas to enjoy a good book. These past few weeks I have managed to collect a diverse selection of new books. Everything from Joel Rosenberg's present day thriller and Brandilyn Collins Mystery/Suspense to Melanie Dickerson's new spy series set in the late 1930's. There is something for everyone.

The Library is always in need of age appropriate, gently used books as well as puzzles or board games. Please consider donating your extra or unwanted items to the school.

Thanks.

Yvonne Reed  
Librarian

## CACHS Catering

CACHS Catering upcoming events:

December 13 – Seniors at Bethel

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 2017

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, 5206 – 58 Street, Lacombe, on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Free to attend. Refreshments provided.

## Calendar

- November 1 – First report card of first semester
- November 8 – Picture retake day
- November 9 – Parent teacher interviews after school and evening
- November 10 – Parent teacher interviews in morning  
Staff collaboration day in afternoon  
**No School**
- November 11 – Remembrance Day – **No school**
- November 17 – CACHS Society meeting – 7:30 pm
- November 29 – Parent Information evening on Internet Safety at Lacombe Christian School – see note elsewhere
- December 2 – Staff collaboration day – **No School**
- December 17 – **Tentative date** for Alumni volleyball tournament
- 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.**

