

NEWSLETTER

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Ponderings 2

In my first Ponderings I mentioned that one of the constants of human life is change. At a social level, we are continually being challenged to alter how we view ourselves and our roles, and to modify the ways we organize and regulate relations between individuals and organizations. Those who adhere to “traditional” understandings of the individual, the family and community often feel an increasing sense of isolation. Christian institutions find themselves at the center of these issues.

When CACHS was organized in 1989, it made an application under the Societies Act that included “objects” or objectives. The last of these states that the Society must strive to promote a number of founding principles which are “intensely relevant to education”, including “That the responsibility for the direction of education of their children rests primarily upon the parents to whom those children are entrusted by God.”

How does this view of education reconcile itself to present reality? That is a question that the Board, committees, staff and administration of this school must wrestle with daily, and with which I find myself preoccupied, especially in the light of recent pronouncements by Minister of Education Eggen. If you are unaware of these developments, I strongly encourage you to acquaint yourself with them. They are readily available online.

As principal of a “God-directed, parent-run school”, I wish to ask you the following questions:

1. Is it advisable to offer or promote any course, program or activity without the knowledge and consent of the parents?
2. Would the school be wise to enlist the services of staff or volunteers whose identities would be unknown to parents?
3. Would it be prudent to offer instruction and conduct activities at a location unknown to parents?

Please ask yourself these questions as you consider what it means to be a citizen of this province and country while also fulfilling the roles of parent (if you are one), Society member, and Kingdom citizen. They are not simply rhetorical – they are practical and have a deep connection to our foundational statements. Discuss them with your children and your neighbors, and in your social circles. If you would like to talk to me about anything I have written here, I would love to hear from you. Stay tuned as developments unfold, and above all else, give them prayerful consideration by asking for God’s guidance in these tests of faith.

Pete Hoekstra
Principal

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 have so much to be thankful for. Our Father God is faithful and all His promises are true!

CACHS will be building. The shop vote was 98% in favor of going ahead. The unity is very affirming that this is God's timing for this expansion to happen. We are so thankful for all the gifted, generous and willing individuals that are faithfully working together within the CACHS community. "He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love." Ephesians 4:16

With building there is always lots of excitement and much work that needs to be done among the already very full schedules. As CACHS continues to learn, expand, grow and adjust, in multiple areas throughout the year; let us always rely on God's Spirit of truth and grace to get us to the finish line with joy and thanksgiving. May we continue to be fully united in His Spirit for His Glory.

"Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future." Ephesians 4:2-4

Your sister in Jesus,
Kandice Heltman
Board Secretary

Financial Update for October 2017

A reminder if you have not sent in your tuition cheques or would still like to pay by direct deposit please contact me at 403-782-4535.

As the Society made a positive vote regarding the Industrial Arts Building, we will be undertaking to have a combined Fall Drive/Capital campaign to start the first part of November. Watch your mailboxes (home and church) for the information

brochure.

We would like to thank CACHS Catering for the new chairs and the photocopier that they have purchased for the school. This was made possible by all the help CACHS Catering received from the many volunteers who help with each function.

Yours in Christ
Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

Industrial Arts Committee Update

With the exciting news of our CACHS Society approving and moving forward with the building of a new Industrial Arts facility, the Industrial Arts Committee is looking for qualified trades people to sub-contract from Eagle Builders in concrete finishing, plumbing, electrical and commercial heating. If you are interested in any of these sub-trades, please contact the school office and the committee will respond or contact one of the committee members directly.

The Industrial Arts committee is also moving forward with outfitting the interior of our new shop facility! We are making up our tool shopping lists, but are also open to tool donations. Please contact the office if you have tools available.

Industrial Arts Committee members are:

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Credit Crunch

It was exciting and encouraging to see so many come out on October 2 to hear the proposal to build an Industrial Arts facility. The strong support shown that night means that, the Lord willing, a shop will be available for use in the Fall of 2018. We will soon be able to offer even more choices to our students, resulting in more students in class more of the time.

At our last Board meeting I reported that quite a few students have a schedule that includes one or more spares. I hope that the availability of shop courses to augment the present programs will lead to fewer scheduled spares. Some may wonder why we would desire this. There are two solid reasons I can give. First, the school exists to provide an education, and we feel that a full course load is the best way to achieve this goal. And second, we wish to maximize the use of our school resources. Most of our costs are fixed, but our instructional funding is based upon the credits our students earn. Reducing a student's course load actually costs us money!

As we move forward, I would ask you to consider this when you sign your child's course schedule or discuss whether to drop a course. We want to see as many kids in our shop, and other courses, as possible. If you have any questions, please give me a call or send an email.

Pete Hoekstra

Calendar

October 26 – College day at CACHS (pm only)

October 31 – First report card

November 9 – Parent teacher interviews after school and evening

November 10 – Parent teacher interviews in morning
- Staff collaboration in afternoon
- No School for students

November 13 – No school - in lieu Remembrance Day

November 14 – Picture retake (pm only)

December 21 – last day of classes before Christmas break

December 22 & 23 – Alumni volleyball tournament

December 22 – January 7 – Christmas break

Library News

Fall has arrived rather abruptly! The trees are turning color and dropping their leaves and pumpkin spiced muffins and lattes are back. Fall is a beautiful time of year. I am praying for a long and warm Autumn but we know the ravages of winter will be on us before long.

I cannot say that I am a fan of winter, but it does mean I have more time to read. Those of you who are like minded might be interested in the many new titles that I have added to the collection. The new books can be found on the "spinning" book rack in the library.

Terry Blackstock's new mystery series: If I....

Joel Rosenberg's new political thrillers: The Tehran Initiative and Damascus Count Down.

I have also added two new authors, Margaret Daley and Susan Page Davis. Both have written series that have strong female characters.

Thanks to a couple of donors, we have added a handful of Louis L'Amour and Robin Cook books to the collection, all of these are presently found on the "spinning" rack.

I want to thank the individuals who have donated books. Donations help stretch the budget and provide new and interesting titles to the collection.

Yvonne Reed
Librarian

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 cekkel@cachs.ca or office@cachs.ca

Career Corner

“This Christian tradition in which our Christian schools stand has a broad vision of calling and vocation. We want our students to understand this broad vision, to believe that “vocation is the response a person makes with his or her total self to the address of God.”

Our students will not develop this vision of calling and the sense that their work and all the rest of their lives are a response to the call of God to them unless we inspire them in that direction. The whole school must help students find this inspiration. Educating for Life Today and Tomorrow (A Christian Schools Publication)

On Thursday, October 26, 2017 in the afternoon, the following 14 post secondary institutions will be sending representatives.

- Kings University
- Red Deer College
- Ambrose
- Trinity Western University
- Booth College
- Canadian Mennonite University
- Crandall College
- Providence
- Redeemer
- Tyndale
- Olds College
- Vanguard
- Prairie
- Burman

All of our students will be attending information sessions throughout the afternoon. If anyone else is interested in coming, they are welcome to attend.

Veronica DenOudsten
Career Counselor

Reminder

If you have not yet completed and returned the Off-Site Activity Consent form that is required for this school year, please do so as soon as possible. The form was sent home with the report cards in June or with the letter that was sent out to all the incoming Grade 10 students.

Welcome - New Staff Members

Cindy Ekkel – Development Director

“I am grateful to have been welcomed back into the CACHS community! I graduated from CACHS in 2001. Together with my husband Jeff Ekkel, who also graduated from CACHS in 2001, we farm west of Lacombe with our family and grow potatoes and grain. I became a journeyman hairstylist and worked in salons for a number of years, but for the past eight years, I’ve been a stay at home mom to our three children, Braden (7), Chloe (6) and Finley (2).

It’s been a busy fall as I’ve been connecting with the Christian schools in our community, the students at the school, and finishing up the Alumni newsletter. If you are alum who would like the CACHS Connection, or you have a story to share about your life since graduation, or you’re a parent of alum, or a supporter of CACHS – please email me at cekkel@cachs.ca - I’d love to hear from you!”

Kyle Van Stryland - Thank you for welcoming me and my family into the CACHS community! I grew up in Ottawa, Ontario, but with connections to the Lacombe area since my father grew up east of Lacombe. I graduated with my BA in History and Classical Studies from the University of Ottawa in 2010, and earned my BED with a mathematics minor, from Kings in 2012. For the past five years, I have taught with the Koinonia School board, where I taught all of the core subjects, as well as many options classes. In 2015, I got married to my wonderful wife Erica, and in 2016 we welcomed our first son into the world. In addition to teaching math and other subjects, I look forward to starting up a music program here at CACHS. It is my prayer that it will be yet another way that our students can worship their Lord.

CACHS Catering

CACHS Catering upcoming events:

November 16 – Red Deer Pro Life Banquet at
Lacombe Memorial Center

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 at 403-782-3554. Please consider volunteering a couple hours of your time to help at one of our functions.

CACHS Catering:

Emma Den Oudsten – 403-782-2657

Jennette Oosterink – 780-372-2130

Clase van Iperen – 403-396-3708

Rosemary Vander Ploeg – 403-783-5217



CACHS students are once again selling the "Admazing Savings Ticket Packs" for \$20.00 each!

There are books for Red Deer, Calgary and Edmonton.

Students that sell the books will receive a \$5.00 credit towards their sport team fees, grad accounts, or CACHS wear.

1A Basketball Provincials - March 14-17, 2018

CACHS is excited to be hosting the Alberta Schools Athletic Association 2018 Basketball Provincials for both the girls and the boys. We are looking forward to having over 1000 people come through our school as players, coaches, officials and fans.

The committee is continuing its fundraising push to \$15,000 through the month of October. Early support has been very encouraging! If you are interested in partnering financially with this event, please contact the office or a committee member. We are also looking for help by way of money to purchase items or items for the swag bags that we will be giving to all the participants.

In November we will begin filling up our volunteer lists. We are looking for many volunteers of all ages and abilities to help make this tournament a success. If you would like to help out in any of the following areas - hosting, scorekeeping, announcing, concession, gate, opening ceremonies, banquet, closing ceremonies or supervision, we would love to have you. Please contact the office at 403-782-4535 to get your name on a list, or you can email any one of the committee members.

Everyone is encouraged to put the date of the provincials on your calendar. We would love to have as many fans as possible come to encourage and cheer on our youth from all over Alberta!

2018 Provincial Basketball Coordinators –

Travis Eggink – teggink@cachs.ca

Veronica Den Oudsten – vdenoudsten@cachs.ca

Cindy Ekkel – cekkel@cachs.ca

Terry & Donna Vandeborn – sales@signmasters.ca
or call 403-896-7446

CACHS Alumni Volleyball Tournament

This year's alumni volleyball tournament will be held December 22nd and 23rd. More information will be coming. If you have any questions please phone Colleen at 403-885-4388 or email lc.schee@gmail.com

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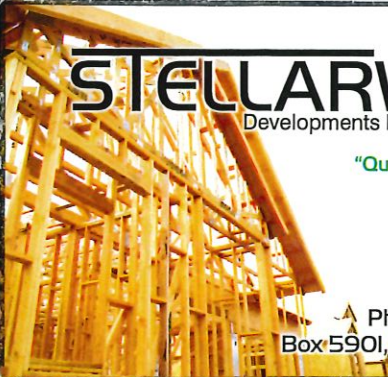
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Upcoming Open Houses

- October 26 – Lacombe Memorial Center – Country Room – 10:30 am – 6:00 pm
- November 1 & 2 – Eastview Community Hall, 120 Ellenwood Drive, Red Deer - 10:30 am to 6:00 pm –
Customer appreciation – Wine and Cheese
- November 8 – 11 – Red Deer Agri-trade at the Westerner in the Harvest Center (green tin building)
Show hours – November 8, 9 & 10th – 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
November 11 – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- November 17 & 18 – Westerner Red Deer – Red Deer Christmas Show
- November 24, 25 & 26 – Camrose Silver Bells/Festival of Trees
- November 30th – Open House – Lacombe Memorial Center – County room – 10:30 am – 6:00 pm
Customer Appreciation
- December 1 & 2 – Sylvan Lake Yuletide at Nexsource Centre – 4803 – 48 Street, 4 – 9 pm