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NEWSLETTER

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Ponderings 3 - Remembrance Day Address - November 9, 2017

Please see the two sheets that are part of this newsletter for Ponderings 3 and the Remembrance Day Address given by Mr. Hoekstra at our Remembrance Day school assembly held on November 9th, 2017.

Bill 24 Update

Just a reminder that our current government is in the process of facilitating the passage of Bill 24. Many questions and concerns have been raised pertaining to the enforcement of this bill if it becomes law. I have no doubt that many society members are already well informed about these developments via media coverage and other sources of information. However, if you have any questions about its content and implications for our school, please call or email me or a Board member – we would be more than happy to supply you with the detailed information you need to make an informed judgment. We, as leaders, covet your prayers and support at this crucial time.

Pete Hoekstra
Principal

Board Notes

Vision: Striving For Excellence Through Christ
Mission: Transformative Education Within A Christian Community

Reflecting upon the mission and vision statements of CACHS this past month I have been challenged, moved, and blessed. I rejoice with overwhelming gratitude that we have the freedom to offer our children a true and most excellent, Christian education here at CACHS. What a tremendous gift to have God's servants faithfully teaching our children, truth. Day after day they diligently teach the students knowledge and skills that will help equip them for every good work. What an amazing blessing that our vision statement can be boldly proclaimed that we as a school, "Strive for Excellence THROUGH CHRIST". We can teach biblical truths here, in freedom....so far! Have we taken these freedoms for granted? As times change and the government's involvement and aggression increases, I ask myself and the rest of us....Are we making the most of every opportunity given to us in these evil days? Are we fully awake and alert spiritually to what is happening around us? Do we love God and others like the Bible tells us to? Have we conformed to the world in areas and become complacent? Are lives being transformed around us? As we know, CACHS' mission statement is: Transformative Education within a Christian Community. Excellence and transformation is the mission and vision of CACHS... WOW! Maybe sometime over the next month we as families can

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

have an intentional conversation around the supper table about these two statements? These statements are amazing, powerful and possible with the Holy Spirit. May God continue to bless, protect and pour out over this school and Christian Education everywhere. Please pray for wisdom, courage and His strength to know how to handle the recent legislation Bill 24 that has come into play. We can be so very thankful for this excellent and transformative school that is rooted in truth and the opportunities that we have here. Let's continue to make the most of every opportunity standing firmly and united together, through Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1 3-12 NLT, Ephesians 5: 1-20, Romans 12: 1-2, Galatians 5.

Your sister in Jesus,
Kandice Heltman
Board Secretary

Financial Update for November 2017

The audit for the school is almost complete and the Fall Drive/Capital Campaign is underway.

If you have not received your brochure via your church mail box or mail by the 24th of November, please give me a call at school or via email and I will send one out to you. The drive will continue until the end of the year. To receive a donation receipt for 2017, please have your donation to the school by 11:30 on Friday, December 29th, 2017. A deposit will be made at noon of that day.

Our goal for the combined drives has been set at \$600,000. The first \$100,000 will be designated towards the Fall Drive, also any other designated causes requested with the balance of the drive going to the Industrial Arts Building.

For updates on the Shop program, please go to the update page on the website. There also is a set of plans as to the location and design of the building.

Yours in Christ
Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

March 2019 Israel Trip

Our trip dates are set! We will be travelling through Egypt, Israel, and Jordan March 17 – 29, 2019 with Christian Journeys. Interested students have been given registration forms and payment schedules. Registration forms, proof of medical travel insurance and \$400 are due November 30th. Medical and cancellation insurance is available through Christian Journeys agreement with Manulife for a cost of \$86 plus GST. All information is available at the office. If you have any questions please call the office or email Mr. Eggink at teggink@cachs.ca

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.

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Library News

November – can you believe that as of today there are six weeks till Christmas break? If you need some gift ideas consider stopping by LCS during their parent teacher interviews and check out the book fair. Kennedy's Parable has agreed to have tables and product for sale. What a great way to get what you want and help support the school (10% of all sales will be donated to LCS) at the same time.

A while ago I started a puzzle and games shelf. If you are clearing out some of your older games and puzzles, please consider dropping them off here at the school. Donations of books are always welcome too.

Happy reading!
Yvonne Reed
Librarian

Career Corner

“If there is no Caller, there are no callings – only work. The true test of a saint's life is not successfulness but faithfulness on the human level of life. We tend to set up success in Christian work as our purpose, but our purpose should be to display the glory of God in human life, to live life ‘hidden with Christ in God’ in our everyday human condition.” Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest*.

We had representatives from 15 post-secondary institutions make presentations to the students on October 26, 2017. We are thankful for each of the people who made the journey to CACHS to inform and educate our students.

Grade 12 students are reminded that all post secondary institutions are taking applications. For some programs it is a ‘first qualified, first accepted’ policy so it is important to be applying for programs in a timely manner. There are numerous scholarships that are available, and for some of them deadlines are fast approaching. Check out scholarshipscanada.com to find out which might be available.

Veronica DenOudsten
Career Counselor

CACHS Catering

CACHS Catering upcoming events:

December 12 – Seniors lunch at Bethel CRC

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

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Grad Update

Grade 12 students are busy starting preparations for the grad trip in May and the graduation ceremony in June. Our grad committee members are Kyiera Heltman, Megan Dykman, Caitlin Debree, Emily Nieuwland and Hillary Prins, as well as Kevin Debree, Tracey Wiersma, Jolanda Rodenburg, Kandice Heltman and Mrs. Vander Veen. Thank you to all those who supported the Grade 12's in the Purdy's Chocolates and poinsettia fundraisers. If you've ordered chocolates or poinsettias, you can expect delivery November 23 or later.

Ponderings 3 – Remembrance Day Address, November 9, 2017 by Mr. Hoekstra

This past April we had the privilege of traveling to Belgium and France to visit some key Allied battlefields of the 1st and 2nd world wars. Last year it was my privilege to share thoughts about the 100th anniversary of the battle of Vimy Ridge, one of the locations we visited. This year I will share some thoughts inspired by our visit to Dieppe – the site of a dark episode in Canada's war with the Nazis.

The year was 1942, and Canada would play the major role in an attack on the German occupied French coastal town called Dieppe. The Allies needed a win and they needed it badly. They wanted to see if they could capture and hold a fortified coastal town, and gather intelligence and information about German defences and methods. Most of all, they wanted to show the world that the Allies were still in the game – that they could lay a beating on the Germans they wouldn't soon forget. It would show the citizens of occupied Europe that they were not forgotten – that they must not abandon hope.

On August 19 the attack took place. Landing craft unloaded tanks and men onto the well defended stony beaches in front of the town. In just nine hours 907 Canadians would die on those beaches. 2500 would be wounded and the gloating enemy would herd 2000 more to POW camps in Germany. Some lucky survivors would retreat in their boats back to England.

Two Canadian soldiers at the Dieppe battle in particular deserve special attention. One was a lot older than the soldiers he landed with – 38 years old. He didn't even carry a weapon, but rather, a Bible. His actions on that day go like this, according to one soldier and eyewitness:

"Upon landing on the beach under heavy fire he attached himself to the Regimental Aid Post which had been set up in a slight depression on the beach, but which was only sufficient to give cover to me lying down. During the subsequent period of approximately eight hours, while the action continued, this officer not only assisted the Regimental Medical Officer in ministering to the wounded in the Regimental Aid Post, but time and again left this shelter to inject morphine, give first-aid and carry wounded personnel from the open beach to the Regimental Aid Post. On these occasions, with utter disregard for his personal safety, the Captain exposed himself to an inferno of fire and saved many lives by his gallant efforts. During the action, as the tide went out, the Regimental Aid Post was moved to the shelter of a stranded landing craft. He continued tirelessly and courageously to carry wounded men from the exposed beach to the cover of the landing craft. He also removed wounded from inside the landing craft when ammunition had been set on fire by enemy shells. When landing craft appeared he carried wounded from the Regimental Aid Post to the landing craft through very heavy fire.

This man personally saved at least 30 lives by his efforts and his example inspired all around him. Those who observed him state that the calmness of this heroic officer as he walked about, collecting the wounded on the fire-swept beach will never be forgotten."

On several occasions this officer had the opportunity to embark but returned to the beach as his chief concern was the care and evacuation of the wounded. As landing craft departed with the wounded and survivors to go back to England, the officer declined the opportunity to embark, preferring to continue to minister to those left behind, and to share their fate as prisoners of war.

Years later, he said he rarely thought about that day. "I don't like dwelling on unpleasant things. If I did something of value it was in the prison camp. The action at Dieppe was the easy part."

When the Canadians arrived at their camp they spent three months tied at the wrist with ropes, then 14 more months in metal shackles. In this camp, the officer conducted services for all denominations and told everyone to call him by his first name. He encouraged the men to stay active, and take study courses and organized sports tournaments and games for them. When three prisoners committed suicide with

razor blades in one night, he preached a sermon that strongly encouraged the men to think about the loved ones who were waiting at home – that one day they would see them again and that they would be needed. No suicides followed.

Almost three years later, the Allies, now victorious on every front, liberated this POW camp. This naturally reserved and shy man received the Victoria Cross for his conduct at Dieppe, the first ever awarded to a Canadian chaplain. His name? Captain John Foote.

The second was a much younger soldier from central Alberta. He also landed at Dieppe, was captured, came to know Captain Foote, and suffered the same privations. Here is an excerpt from his diary. It recounts the final days of his 2 ½ year imprisonment.

“On the evening of April 14, 1945, the camp commandant came to us and said we would be moving in the morning. We said we did not want to go because we could be strafed on the road. He said, ‘I am sorry gentlemen, I am no longer in charge here. The SS have taken over the camp and they are moving some of the inmates from Belsen here. Most of them can’t walk but you can. You have to go, I am sorry.’ When we went out in the morning there were trucks and wagons loaded with bodies (skeletons) in the camp and they were piled high like so many broken dolls with their arms, legs and heads hanging over the sides. Some had been unloaded and were piled against the guard house like cordwood.

Some of the prisoners that could walk were coming in herded by goons carrying wooden clubs, pieces of 2x2 about 3 feet long. They were crying and moaning and begging us for food. If they reached toward us or stepped toward us the goons would knock them down. When we left we had to walk along the road these poor people were coming in on. They were just straggling along, some falling. They were walking in threes, with two supporting one. If they fell down the goons were swearing and cursing and hitting them with the clubs. Many did not get up; they were dead. We actually stepped over their bodies. We walked for about an hour and finally stopped for a break. Most of us were crying and the young German officer who was with us sat on the side of the road weeping...we had been told that the terrible pungent smell that had bothered us when the wind was blowing was the smoke from the crematoriums at Belsen. Now we believed it...

It was a dull, dreary, overcast day (April 15)...by evening we reached Marlag and Milag Nord, twin camps for navy and merchant marine prisoners...Two weeks later on the evening of April 28 after an all day battle, soldiers from the British Highland Division arrived at our gate. We had been liberated. They told us they had lost eight men that day. Yes we were free but at great cost. We told them what we knew of the tragedy at Belsen...I arrived back in England May 11 and went directly to hospital. I weighed 150 lbs; when I left England for Dieppe in 1942, I weighed 225 lbs. We had arrived in Scotland July 1, 1941 and arrived back in Halifax July 1, 1945. I have a lot to be thankful for, I am one of the lucky ones. I constantly remember those who never returned.”

The name of this young soldier? Dennis Scott – a young farmer from central Alberta, tank radio operator captured at Dieppe, and Alexis Kuipers’ great grandpa!

Like Mr. Scott, I too have a lot to be thankful for, and every Remembrance Day I attend local services and think about the sacrifices of so many who served and made the highest sacrifice in the struggle against evil. May we live each day in the service of God and others, and in a manner worthy of their example.

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. A digital copy was sent out on November 8th to those families who had not yet completed and returned the form. Please complete and return the form to school as soon as possible. Thank you.



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.



Purchase the cards for \$10.00 and get an amazing \$55 value.



Sellers will receive a credit of \$7.50 To be used towards sports team fees, grad account or CACHS wear.

See Mrs. Barnes for Subway cards.



Volleyball Update

Both our girls and boys volleyball teams finished first in our Area which qualifies them for the Central Alberta Schools Athletic Association Zone championship November 17 – 18. The girls will host at CACHS and the boys play in Consort. If our teams move on to the provincial championships November 22-25, the girls will play in Bonnyville and the boys in Eckville. Both our teams have had wonderful seasons so far!

CACHS Alumni Volleyball Tournament

The CACHS Alumni Volleyball tournament will be held December 22nd and/or 23rd. There is a bit of a new format for entering this year. Men's or women's teams may enter as in years past but any individual CACHS alumni who enjoys competitive volleyball is encouraged to enter – please indicate what position you like to play. Also, if you have a few individuals who like to play together but need a few extras, you can enter as a group and we will complete your team. Teams must consist of no more than two non-alumni. Cost is \$20/person. Deadline to enter is December 15th. For more information or to enter please text Colleen at 403-302-2659 or email lc.schee@gmail.com

Alumni Basketball Tournament

The CACHS Alumni Basketball tournament will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2018. To register, please email Mrs. Den Oudsten at vdenuodsten@cachs.ca or arrive at CACHS at 9 a.m. on January 6th if you would like to play. We will be organizing men's and women's teams Saturday morning. Games will start at 9:30 a.m. and run through the afternoon. We look forward to a great day of basketball and community!

1A Basketball Provincials - March 14-17, 2018

We have been very blessed with the community's amazing financial support for the tournament and we are very close to achieving our goal of \$15,000.00! We have set up our various committees and have people in charge of each aspect of the tournament. We are now looking for general volunteers who can help out with tasks that include concession, gate, score keeping, announcing, set-up, clean-up, etc. Please contact the office and we will include you on our volunteer lists. We will have a general meeting for all volunteers in the new year. Basketball season has just begun and we are pumped about the year ahead!

2018 Provincial Basketball Coordinators –

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Cindy Ekkel – cekkel@cachs.ca

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

Sports Calendar

Nov. 17-18 – Boys Zone v'ball at Consort
Girls Zone v'ball at CACHS
Nov. 22 – 15 – Boys Provincial v'ball at Eckville
Girls Provincial v'ball at Bonnyville
Dec. 1-2 – Girls & Boys v'ball - Evansburg tourney
Dec. 15 – 16 – Girls & Boys v'ball – home games
Dec. 22/23 – Alumni volleyball tournament at
CACHS – see note elsewhere
Jan. 6 - Alumni basketball tournament at CACHS –
see note elsewhere
Jan. 12-13 – Girls & boys b'ball - home tournament
March 14 – 17 – Girls and boys Provincial
Basketball Championships at CACHS –
see note elsewhere

Calendar

December 21 – last day of classes before Christmas
break
December 22 – January 7 – Christmas break
January 11 – English 30-1 & 30-2 diploma
Part A – a.m.
January 23 – English 30-1 & 30-2 diploma
Part B – a.m.
January 24 – 30 – First term exams for
Grades 10 & 11
January 25 – Math 30-1 & 30-2 diploma – a.m.
January 30 – Physics 30 diploma – a.m.
January 30 – Science 30 diploma – p.m.
January 31 – Semester Break – ski trip
February 1 – Second semester begins

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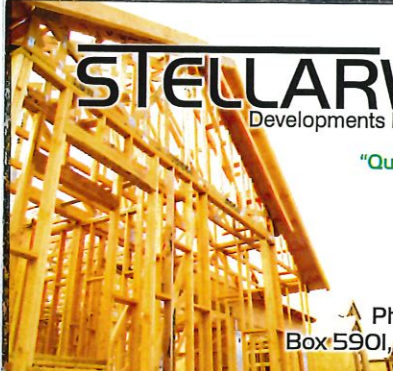
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Upcoming Open Houses

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