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## NEWSLETTER

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### Ponderings 5

Hey Mom – guess what we learned in Biology class?

I'm sure more than a few not-so-bashful students have come home after a day of studies and asked their parents or siblings this question. Students who opt to take Biology 30 receive a pretty solid grounding in the operation of human organ systems – reproductive and otherwise. What young people once learned by observing barnyard behavior and engaging in schoolyard discussions, they can now obtain through thorough, academic, clinical inquiry. What an improvement!

In many ways that is truly a vast improvement. In the western world, formal schooling has succeeded in virtually eliminating illiteracy and establishing a broad, common base of knowledge necessary for a healthy and prosperous society. We now take this achievement for granted, so much so that we perhaps have developed an uncritical acceptance of all that it proclaims. Occasionally a more “seasoned” individual will comment on the downsides of having a wealthier, tech-savvy population (“Can anyone communicate without a cell phone anymore?”) but mostly, we dismiss these criticisms. Onward and upward!

Back to biology. Public discussions pertaining to sexuality have been prevalent in the past number of years. Recently a senior Alberta politician remarked that public dollars will not be spent on instruction about human sexuality that denies science, evidence and

human rights. It seems that sexuality has been reduced to a topic that can be best understood exclusively through the eyes of science and secular legal definitions! Clearly this person has a deep faith in the power of science and rationalism to enlighten us on what sex and sexuality are really all about, and feels that an approach based upon other considerations, such as faith, tradition, and community is out of step with the times, and even irresponsible.

I feel this is yet another area where Christian schools have a key role to play. Although Christians should embrace science, we should also know the limits of its authority. We should know that human sexuality is far more than a physical attraction governed by biological laws. Our understanding of what it means to be sexual beings is embedded in a way of thinking that gives first emphasis to meaning, morality, spirituality, divine purpose and design. For these things we need to seek, first and foremost, guidance and answers in our ancient, sacred text – the Bible.

A biology class that neglects faith, in my view, distorts reality. Science can never answer questions of a moral nature – how we ought to govern our actions and relationships. We can only understand ourselves in the light of wisdom from above – the truth of Scripture and the Holy Spirit. May 2018 be another year in which our schools proclaim the Truth in biology class, and in everything else!

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

“Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you.” Psalm 37:5 NLT

Happy New Year! CACHS board continues to be amazed by the outstanding CACHS community. Shop plans are moving ahead smoothly....Praise God! This is just one of the new works the Lord is doing. We pray He is glorified in all that is done here at CACHS. We commit the year to the Lord and continue to seek His guidance and wisdom. Please keep praying or begin to pray for students, staff, families and our community.

Serving Christ together,  
Kandice Heltman  
Board Secretary

## Financial Update for January 2018

The Board and staff would like to thank everyone who donated to the Fall Drive/Capital Campaign. The school is truly blessed by your support financially and prayerfully. As of January 15<sup>th</sup> we have received \$178,958.50 for the combined drives. If you would still like to contribute, please send your contribution to the school: Central Alberta Christian High School, 22 Eagle Road, Lacombe, AB T4L 1G7 – Attention: Wendy Barnes, Fall Drive/Capital Campaign.

In the next week you should receive your donation receipts in your church mailboxes or in the mail. If you haven't received yours by January 30<sup>th</sup>, please contact me and I will send a copy to you.

If you haven't already sent in your post dated tuition cheques for the school, tuition statements will be sent in the mail at the beginning of February.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to give me a call at school at 403-782-4535.

Yours in Christ  
Wendy Barnes  
Business Administrator

## Accountability Pillar Survey

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success.

The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators. Data on these indicators consists of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of education quality, student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates, and provincial assessments of student learning.

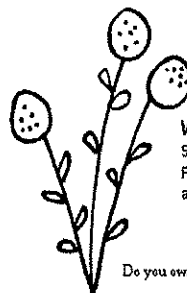
From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey.

- In January, parents of students in grades 10, 11 & 12 will receive a survey from Alberta Education.
- In February, students in grades 10, 11 & 12 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with your school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Dene, Cree, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Urdu.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2018, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.



## Swing into Spring Family Dinner Fundraiser

To build community and raise money for computers & the Industrial Arts building  
@ Central Alberta Christian High School

Thursday, March 1 @ 6:30pm

### Who is invited?

Students, Parents,  
Families, Alumni, and  
all CACHS supporters.

### What is involved?

A free dinner from  
CACHS Catering, a  
Dessert Silent Auction,  
movie & popcorn for  
the kids.

Please call the  
school office at  
(403)-782-4535 to  
book your seats or  
reserve a table.

Do you own a business and want to sponsor a table? Call the school for more information!

## Library News

The sun is finally shining after the cold days we have experienced and it's beautiful! I think that we very much take sunshine for granted until it is missing for a few days. I hope you are all getting a chance to enjoy the brief sun rays.

The semester is coming to a close and as a reminder, I will be sending out book lists in the report cards. These are just reminders of what your students have checked out. If they are done with the books, please return them so others can appreciate them too.

The puzzles are being enjoyed once again. Nothing quite like the 24,000 piece puzzle that was put together a couple of years ago. Many students and teachers alike enjoy puzzling. If you have some puzzles at home that you are done with, please consider donating them to the school. I am also still on the hunt for gently used games for our collection.

There are a few new titles that have been added to the collection. They can be found on the "spinning" rack in the library.

If you have donations of books or suggestions for new series or titles, please let me know.

Yvonne Reed  
Librarian

## Israel Trip Update

Our group is excited to welcome any CACHS society members, supports, parents, grandparents, alumni, and future parents on our March 2019 trip to the Holy Lands. There is limited room available on this educational journey.

If you are interested in joining our group, please contact the school for more information.

Mr. Eggink  
Trip Coordinator

## Career Corner

So where do you go to discover your true identity? You go to the One who made you. If you want to know who you are, then you need to discover *whose* you are. Ephesians 1:11-12 says, "It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone." (The Message) What the heck am I going to do with my life? by Margaret Feinberg

Green Certificate testing will take place on February 14<sup>th</sup>. This is the second of three testing dates for the school year.

Grade 11 and 12 students are all signed up for MyPass. This means that they can look at their current high school transcripts through the Alberta Education website. There is much more than that on the website. The biggest advantage is that students have direct access to their Detailed Academic Report (DAR) which can be used where an unofficial transcript is requested. They can download their DAR as a PDF copy and then attach it to an email if required. All students are required to be signed up to MyPass in order to write any of their diploma exams. Grade 10 students will get signed up for this at the beginning of the second semester.

Veronica DenOudsten  
Career Counselor

## Bill 24

As noted in the October newsletter, the recent passage of Bill 24 through the Alberta legislature poses a significant challenge to the notion of the primacy of parental rights with respect to the education of their children. This ought to draw the attention and concern of all parents, including those who choose to have their children educated in Christian schools. Please pray for all educational stakeholders and the leaders of area Christian schools as they address the issues arising from compliance requirements. If you require further information, feel free to contact the CACHS office.

## CACHS Catering

CACHS Catering upcoming events:

March 1 – “Swing into Spring” at CACHS

March 15 – Provincial B’ball banquet at LMC

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

## Calendar

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

February 2 – Final report card for Semester One

March 1 – “Swing into Spring” fundraiser

March 9 – No school – staff collaboration

March 15, 16, & 17 – Provincial boys and girls  
basketball hosted by CACHS

March 23 – April 2 – Spring Break

June 28 – Grade 12 graduation –

**Please note the change of date for graduation**

## Industrial Arts Facility Update

With the exciting news of our CACHS Society approving and moving forward with the building of the new Industrial Arts facility, the committee is looking for qualified trades people to sub-contract from Eagle Buildings in concrete finishing, plumbing, electrical and commercial heating. **If you are interested in any of these sub-trades, please contact Dennis Haan at 403-357-9543 by January 31, 2018.**

We have the permits in place and things are starting to roll along. We are now making tool lists, taking donations, and starting to shop! Committee members are also headed to Immanuel Christian School in Lethbridge and Calvin Christian School in Coalhurst later in January to see how other schools have put together their shop programs. Please contact one of the committee members listed below or the school office if you have tools available.

Industrial Arts Committee members are:

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Travis Eggink – [teggink@cachs.ca](mailto:teggink@cachs.ca)

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### LACOMBE Soccer Club

2018 Outdoor Soccer Registration  
& AGM

Wednesday, February 7  
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

For registration forms:  
[www.lacombeminorsoccer.weebly.com](http://www.lacombeminorsoccer.weebly.com)  
Facebook

## 1A Basketball Provincials - March 14-17, 2018

With our home invitational basketball tournament we had a great test run for our concession volunteers! Considering the weather, we were blessed with an excellent tournament and support for our volunteers' efforts.

We are continuing to take names of people who are interested in volunteering with concession, gate, score keeping, announcing, set-up, clean-up, etc. during the provincial tournament. Please contact the office and we will have a general meeting for all volunteers towards the end of February.

2018 Provincial Basketball Coordinators –

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Veronica Den Oudsten – [vdenoudsten@cachs.ca](mailto:vdenoudsten@cachs.ca)

Cindy Ekkel – [cekkel@cachs.ca](mailto:cekkel@cachs.ca)

Terry & Donna Vandeborn – [sales@signmasters.ca](mailto:sales@signmasters.ca)  
or call 403-896-7446

## Sports Notes/Calendar

Follow us on:

Facebook: Central Alberta Christian High School

Instagram: cachsknights

Twitter @CACHS-Knights

Athletics Calendar:

Every Tuesday 7:30 – 9:30 pm – Drop in badminton

Jan. 26/27 – LCS basketball tournament at CACHS

Feb. 2/3 – Ryley HS Basketball Tournament (B/G)

Feb. 5 – Eckville at CACHS (B/G)

Feb. 14 – Area playoff basketball games at  
CACHS (B/G)

Feb. 16 – David Thompson HS at CACHS (B/G)

Feb. 23/24 – LaCrete Tournament (B/G)

Feb. 26 – Area playoff basketball games at  
CACHS (B/G)

March 9/10 – Zone Championships (B/G)

March 14-17 – Provincial Basketball

Championships at CACHS (B/G)

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