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NEWSLETTER

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Ponderings 7

It isn't Easter yet but it's fast approaching.

Easter comes at a wonderful time of year. The days are getting longer, the snow is beginning to melt, birds we haven't seen for a while come back, and we know the land will soon be green. Even those who may not be connected to the faith celebrate it with gifts of chocolate eggs and bunnies, and even more elaborate and expensive gifts – not unlike Christmas.

And for people of the Way, we receive the blessings and rewards of faith. Jesus has given us many things, but I want to focus on two of them. One is the free and undeserved gift of salvation. It is truly the most beautiful and precious gift ever given and received. Christians readily identify it as the ultimate gift, and in our time we have, perhaps, emphasized it in a way that undermines the totality of the gospel message. There are, after all other gifts.

The other one is a cross.

There is nothing beautiful about death, or any of the means humans have devised over the centuries to inflict pain and suffering leading to inevitable death. Luke 9: 23–25 states that is the very object Jesus says we must take up if we are to call ourselves his followers. “Then he said to them all, ‘If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will

lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?’” In Luke 14:27 Jesus says, “And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.”

Crosses can take many forms. The CACHS staff attended a conference on February 16th and heard a fellow speak who had no arms – a victim of thalidomide. We listened to him talk about his struggle to come to grips with that as a young person. He praised his adoptive parents for not being too easy on him. They lovingly encouraged and even forced him to face his struggle and to do everything he could to make the most of himself, without denying his almost overwhelming challenges.

The struggle, suffering and discouragement of many I know, including that of my students – it humbles me. I don't know how I would get through some of the things they already have had to experience in their young lives. But I do know that it's not possible to avoid them. Maybe the cross you have been given or will be given is the struggle with illness or broken relationships – it can take so many forms. Ultimately, for all Christians, the cross means carrying the message of Christ forward whatever the cost. I think of a story of a former student whose boss ridiculed the Bible and his faith. These stories will become more and more frequent. Are we ready?

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

Now all glory to God our Father forever and ever!
Amen. Philippians 4:20

Wow.... What a month for CACHS! We kicked off March with the exceptional Swing into Spring Fundraiser where a total of \$67,159.45 was raised! The way the multiple, uniquely-gifted teams came together for this event was amazing. The faithful support of the CACHS community is OUTSTANDING! What a great evening. Praise God for His provision, joy, unity and blessing!

The 2018-ASAA Basketball Provincials took place on March 15th – 17th. This event was a tremendous success on every level and will be fondly remembered by many for years to come. The guests, students, coaches, staff, parents, family and community really came together in a special way. What a privilege and an awesome opportunity to host the 2018-ASAA Basketball Provincials, for both CACHS and the community of Lacombe.

We will close this month off with an anticipated Spring Break. This is a time to rest, to spend time with family and friends, and most importantly to focus on JESUS. We have life because of His amazing, sacrificial love, because He died and rose again! Hallelujah! Now all glory to God our Father forever and ever! Amen. Philippians 4:20

In His Service,
Kandice Heltman
Board Secretary

Swing Into Spring

What a great evening we had on March 1st. I would like to say thank-you to all who came to support our school. The meal was great, the desserts were tasty, and the company was even better. There's nothing better than our school being full of laughter and conversation; likeminded people who share the vision of Christian education. Thank you again to all who sponsored tables, made desserts, and helped with set up and cleanup. It was all very much appreciated!

Cindy Ekkel, CACHS Development Director

Financial Update for March 2018

The Alberta Government's Budget will be released on Thursday, March 22. Once this is released I will be getting numbers together for the 2018-2019 budget. The new budget will be presented to the Society at the May 17th society meeting.

If you would still like to donate to the "Fall Drive" or "Swing into Spring" please send to: Central Alberta Christian High School, 22 Eagle Road, Lacombe, AB T4L 1G7 – Attention: Wendy Barnes. Please make note of designation on memo line which fundraiser you are donating to.

Yours in Christ
Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

Industrial Arts Facility Update

We have been given a construction timeline from Eagle Builders, and we are excited to break ground in April and have the construction completed in July! We have visited a number of high school shops and are now drawing out the final floor plans for both our mechanical and woodworking shops. As a part of Swing into Spring we made our tool lists and welcome the community to help us get our new shop outfitted for use.

Fundraising so far has topped \$688,000 and we are very encouraged by the community's support for this project! If you would like to support this project in any way please contact a committee member.

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Library News

Spring Break is just around the bend. The feeling of a new beginning is in the air. I have yet to see a robin, but I am told they are around.

I have added a few new books to the collection. They can be found on the 'spinning rack'. Please come in and have a look. I am still on the lookout for games and puzzles, so as you spring clean, please keep us in mind. Thanks again!

Yvonne Reed
Librarian

Career Corner

"You have a divine spark. An uncommon call to an uncommon life. The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others." 1 Cor. 12:7 - God endows us with gifts so we can make Him known. Period. Cure for the Common Life

The grade 11 class had the opportunity to travel to Red Deer recently to experience the "World of Choices". Over 30 mentors in various occupations were there to share their experiences in the work world. Our students had a wonderful time and enjoyed incredible hospitality.

Grade 12 students are reminded to complete their applications for prospective colleges and university. Most schools are still taking applications. The CACHS scholarship booklet has been distributed to the grade 12 class. Please contact me if you have any questions in regards to post secondary education.

Veronica DenOudsten
Career Counselor

Calling GRADE 8 & 9 Students "Sneek Peek" !!

You are invited to our High School "Sneek Peek" afternoon. CACHS is hosting the Junior High visiting day on Thursday, April 12th. We plan to have lunch at 12:00 followed by an assembly and three sessions. We anticipate the afternoon coming to a close at around 2:30. This day is always a great way to get to know staff and students, and experience what high school at CACHS is all about!

Provincial 1A Basketball

THANK YOU!!!! The ASAA 1A Basketball provincials hosted by CACHS, was a wonderful success. We are so appreciative of the incredible amount of support received in so many ways. There were over 2500 people that came through the doors to watch games over the three day event. We had well over 100 volunteers help. Whether it was helping with CACHS Catering, concessions, host/hostess, banquet, opening ceremonies, hospitality, gatekeepers, audio/visual, printed program, scorekeepers, announcer or sometimes helping at multiple places, it was amazing to see the amount of community support at this event. Current parents and students, along with alumni parents and students, were incredibly helpful. We also had generous donors and sponsors that contributed financially. We appreciate the many people who came to watch some basketball. Gyms at CACHS, Lacombe Composite High School and Lacombe Christian School were all full and were filled with energy and excitement throughout the tournament.

On behalf of the co-chairs we want to thank Terry, Donna, and Cindy for their exceptional work throughout our journey. Our student athletes had an incredible time with the girls finishing in 10th place, and the boys finishing 3rd. With such great community support we are considering putting in a bid to host ASAA Boys and Girls Volleyball provincials in the near future. THANKS to all!!!

Travis Eggink and Veronica DenOudsten

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for our records to reflect this.

CACHS Catering

CACHS Catering upcoming events:

April 7 – Ponoka Christian School auction lunch
June 28 – CACHS graduation

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:

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Athletics Schedule

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Athletics Calendar:

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

Cookie Dough - Cinnamon Buns for Sale

There are a number of extra cookie dough, cinnamon buns and sticky buns for sale following the recent Grade 12 grad fundraiser. Cookie dough is \$16/container and the buns are \$12/package of 8. If you are interested in any of the products please call the school at 403-782-4535.

Chocolate Chunk – 3

Dark Chocolate White Chocolate Chunk – 2

Ginger Crinkle – 2

Monster Cookie – 1

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White Chocolate Macadamia Nut – 5

Oatmeal Coconut Chocolate Chunk – 3

Oatmeal Raisin Spice – 4

Shortbread – 2

Sugar Cookie – 4

Cinnamon Buns – 2

Calendar

March 23 – April 2 – Spring Break

April 3 – Classes resume

April 12 – “Sneek Peek” Open house for Grade 8 & 9 students – see note elsewhere

April 16, 17 & 18 – Grad pictures – brochures and information have been handed out to the Grade 12 students

April 19 – First report card of second semester

April 26 – Parent/teacher interviews after school and evening

April 27 – Parent/teacher interviews in morning

- Staff collaboration – pm

- No school for students

May 3 – Pizza Night and information evening for Grade 9 students and parents

May 17 – CACHS Annual Society meeting 7:30 pm

May 18 – Staff collaboration – no school

May 21 – Victoria Day – no school

June 28 – Grade 12 graduation –

Please note the change of date for graduation

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