

22 Eagle Road, Lacombe, Alberta T4L 1G7
Phone - 403-782-4535 Fax - 403-782-5425
www.cachs.ca E-mail - office@cachs.ca

NEWSLETTER

April 2018
Vol XXV No VIII

Ponderings 8

As you are probably now aware, CACHS has joined a coalition of schools seeking an injunction with respect to Bill 24. On April 9 the Societies of Rimbey, Ponoka, Lacombe and CACHS held a joint meeting attended by about 180 persons representing their memberships. The presentation by the Justice Center for Constitutional Freedoms (our legal representative) clarified the rationale for this court action and the process presently underway. Everyone I spoke to afterward, gave a positive appraisal of the evening and an endorsement of the decisions made by the Boards that led to the decision to seek a stay of the law. At the end of the meeting the presenter, Marty Moore, commented to me that he was impressed by the size of the turnout, and observed that our people really know how to support our schools – a high level of engagement! I believe that he is correct in his appraisal of our societies.

We have spent quite a few hours over the past several years in meetings and discussions about the significance of Bills 10 and 24 for our schools, and many more simply mulling and ruminating about the issues. They are complex. Like so many things in life, we are forced to make single decisions that are informed by a large quantity of information and multiple arguments. It's hard work, and it stretches us in ways we can't anticipate. We have moments of doubt, and wish life were simpler and more pleasant, which it most certainly would be if we could simply avoid facing these challenges.

Indeed, many people choose to approach life this way. It is no secret that voter turnout in federal and provincial elections has been dropping for years, and the level of political engagement by citizens is diminishing. Much effort has been expended to determine what is at the root of this phenomenon, and multiple reasons have been given. I feel that it may in part be due to our desire to relax and take it easy. But one conclusion is supported by engaged people of all stripes – disengagement is NOT a good thing!

Perhaps you still have questions about what this decision means for our schools. I am sure that the issue itself has led to vigorous debate and perhaps disagreement about what it means to be a Christian and a Christian school supporter in these times. We do not know the outcome of this process, and may be conflicted about aspects of this challenge. However, I am sure of one thing at this point in the journey: passivity and disengagement are not viable options. Christian schools have always faced challenges and always will. And they will survive and even thrive as long as supporters, and primarily parents, are actively engaged in the vital aspects of school life. I believe the only true enemy of our schools is apathy. May we continue to express our vigorous support for our schools in the knowledge that the Lord will provide the strength for the long race we are running. I welcome your input and request your continued prayers and support as we move ahead.

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

JCCF Information

The Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms is a registered charity (registration number 817174865-RR0001) that represents CACHS in its challenge of Bill 24. It takes cases *pro bono* and receives no government funds, thus it requires donations in order to operate. If you would like to support the work of JCCF please send your donation to:

#253, 7620 Elbow Drive SE, Calgary, AB T2V 1K2

Web: www.jccf.ca
Email: info@jccf.ca
Phone: 403-475-3622

Board Notes

“Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust in Him also and He shall bring it to pass.” Psalm 37:5

The CACHS Board is forward focused and is diligent in seeking God’s wisdom and direction in every step taken. The CACHS Board is searching to fill three vacancies. Would you be a fit to serve God and CACHS in this capacity? Please prayerfully consider rising up and serving for a three year term. Do you have wisdom, ideas, insight and vision to share? Perhaps your gifts are exactly what the Lord can use to fulfill His purposes here at CACHS.

In His Service,
Kandice Heltman
Board Secretary

Industrial Arts Building Update

We are thrilled to report that construction has begun on the Industrial Arts Building! Heavy equipment moved in on Tuesday afternoon and in short order a large amount of dirt was moved. The site has been prepared and work on the footings has begun. CACHS staff and students have been observing and “feeling” the progress being made and we are all looking forward to watching this building project progress.

Financial Update for April 2018

The Alberta Government’s budget was released on March 22. Since then I have been gathering all the numbers together for the 2018-2019 school year’s budget. The Finance committee met on April 12 to work on the preliminary budget. The Budget will be presented at the Society Meeting on May 17th.

Our construction loan is in place for construction to begin this spring on the new Industrial Arts Building. To date we have received \$989,830.49 in donations and pledges for the Industrial Arts Building. The projected budget for the new addition is \$1,100,00 + \$100,00 for equipment for a total projected budget of \$1,200,000.

If you would still like to donate to the construction of the Industrial Arts Building or the Fall Drive, please send your donation to Central Alberta Christian High School, 22 Eagle Road, Lacombe, AB T4L 1G7 – Attention: Wendy Barnes. Please make note of designation on memo line.

Tuition statements have been sent out to families.

Yours in Christ
Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

Grade 9 Pizza Night

We would like to welcome all Grade 9 students and their parents to a fun filled Open House Pizza Night at CACHS on Thursday, May 3 at 7:00 pm. There will be some fun activities with Student Council, an opportunity to mingle with your future peers, and of course, pizza!

While the students are engaged in fun activities, there will be an information session for parents, led by Mr. Peter Hoekstra, CACHS’ principal.

Please RSVP to 403-782-4535.

Library News

These past few days the library has been used for Grad pictures and I am marveling at the passage of time. There are students who are graduating that I have had the pleasure of knowing since they were in grade five. God has been so good to us.

I received a huge donation of puzzles this past weekend. THANK YOU to the donor! If you are spring cleaning – yes spring will arrive – and would like to donate books, games or puzzles, please keep us in mind.

There are quite a few books signed out. If you are finished with them please return them to the library so others can appreciate them as well.

Just a reminder that our collection is open to Society members; however, I do need a phone number in order to contact you.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yvonne Reed
Librarian

Grade 12 Grad Update

Grad Pizza Fundraiser - Order forms for pizza were due April 20th.

- **Saturday, April 28th from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm - Pizza making.** Deliveries will be done in the afternoon.
- **May 23 – 25** – Grad trip to Sundance Lodge
- **June 28** – 2 pm – graduation ceremony at Sonrise Christian Reformed Church in Ponoka

Summer Employment

Lacombe Christian School is accepting applications for student summer employment. Duties include

- General cleaning
- Lawn care (push and riding mowers)
- General maintenance
- Approximately 40 hours per week
(Monday-Friday)

For more information and to apply contact Wayne Bouwman – wbouwman@lacs.ca

Career Corner

“What am I going to do with my life?”

Know that you are not alone. Some people consider life one big adventure, but if you break it down life is really a collection of little paths and journeys met with surprising side trails, sudden roadblocks, wondrous overlooks, and beautiful vistas. Consider the great commission of Matthew 28. What does Jesus tell his followers? Go – Make – Teach. He concludes with one small but significant, verb filled promise: BE SURE. Of what, you may wonder. “Be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matt 28:20. This quote comes from Margaret Feinberg who wrote – “What the heck am I going to do with my life.”

The high school journey of the grade 12 student is almost over. The question of what they are going to do with their life is difficult. However, the assurance of Jesus being with them always should bring a measure of peace.

Scholarship applications administered by CACHS have been handed out to the grade 12 students.

The World of Choices was a wonderful opportunity for grade 11 students to talk to mentors from over 30 occupations. The grade 10 students will be travelling to Red Deer on April 26 to go to the Career Expo.

ACT: Humanitarian Leaders of Tomorrow is a youth conference hosted by Burman University May 4-6, 2018. Any grade 11 or 12 students interested in connecting, learning and networking with like-minded peers and leaders in humanitarianism are encouraged to attend. Please see me for more details.

Veronica DenOudsten
Career Counselor

CACHS Catering

CACHS Catering upcoming events:

June 28 – CACHS graduation
August 4 – Ena Boot family
August 25 – Cassidy VanderSchee wedding

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

Grade 8-9 Visiting Day

On April 12th, the grade 8 & 9 students from our feeder schools filled our school for a special “sneak peek” into High School life at CACHS. We shared a delicious lunch together, joined our voices in worship, and heard from alumni Aaron & Elly Krogman (Doef). All the students were able to go to three mini sessions with various teachers, giving them an idea of what to expect at CACHS. The afternoon was a great success!

A big THANK YOU goes out to the Development Committee who organized, served and cleaned up the lunch, and to the CACHS students and staff, who embraced the afternoon by welcoming and interacting with the Junior High students! WELL DONE!

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 these products please call the school at 403-782-4535.

Chocolate Chunk – 3
Dark Chocolate White Chocolate Chunk – 2
Ginger Crinkle – 2
Monster Cookie – 1
The MotherLode – 5
White Chocolate Macadamia Nut – 4
Oatmeal Coconut Chocolate Chunk – 3
Oatmeal Raisin Spice – 4
Shortbread – 2
Sugar Cookie – 4
Cinnamon Buns – 2

Calendar

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 (see note elsewhere)
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

Athletics Schedule

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

Please support our Sponsors

If you would like to place your business ad in our monthly newsletter, please contact Ann at the school at 403-782-4535.

Cost is \$10/month.



Bill Lodewyk, CMA, CA
Partner through a professional corporation
BDO Canada LLP

wlodewyk@bdo.ca

Millennium Centre
600, 4909 - 49th Street
Red Deer AB T4N 1V1
Canada
Tel: 403 342 2500 Ext: 7090
Fax: 403 343 3070
www.bdo.ca

BDO Canada LLP, a Canadian limited liability partnership, is a member of BDO International Limited, a UK company limited by guarantee.

Dunc's Septic Tank Services (2017) Ltd

For Success, choose the best!

Ruben Rodenburg

Owner

RR#3 Site 15 Box 9 Ponoka

T4J 1R3

403-783-3135. (For emergency call; 403-340-9240)

duncsseptic2017@gmail.com

www.duncsseptic90.wixsite.com/website



PATIO GARDENS

Annuals Perennials Vegetables Trees Shrubs

Greenhouse/Garden Center

403 782-0888

patiogardensltd@gmail.com

PO Box 5777

Lacombe AB T4L 1X3



Jason Vander Woerd

403.304.3887

RR#4 Lacombe, AB. T4L 2N4

jason@drakeex.ca

www.drakeex.ca

DRAKE EXCAVATING

Your Quality Excavating Solution

Quality Pre-Owned Items

- ☒ Clothing ☒ Furniture
- ☒ Books ☒ Footwear
- ☒ Household Items
- ☒ Sporting Goods
- ☒ Toys

Building Blocks Thrift Store

782-9511

5111 - 50th Avenue

In Beautiful Lacombe, Alberta T4L 1K4

(along the main street, across from the Royal Bank)
(drop-off bin located behind building across from Sunny FM)

STELLARWOOD

Developments Inc.

"Quality and Professionalism
are Our Standards"

Pete Walls

Phone: 403-588-0856

Box 5901, Lacombe, AB T4L 1X4

Email: stellarwooddev@gmail.com

MARY KAY®

HILJE R. FEITSMA

Independent Sales Director

Box 4416

Ponoka, AB T4J 1R7

403-783-6000

403-783-0381

hfeitsma@xplornet.com

www.marykay.ca/hfeitsma



Joni's Collection

Specialized in children's clothing from
newborn to size 10

RR#3 Site 15 Box 9
T4J 1R3 Ponoka, AB
403-704-4062

jonicollection63@gmail.com

Open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 PM till 5:00 PM



TALSMA'S
PLUMBING & HEATING

Claire Talsma
403-782-4564 (H) | 403-872-1108 (C)
cctalsma@explornet.com

LUYMES LUMBER
"Custom Sawing"



Phone: (403) 782-2572 Fax: (403) 782-2572

Wolf Creek
TRUCK WASH

Mike Doornbos
Owner/Operator

403.896.3130

mike@wolfcreekwash.com
4005 - 52nd Avenue, Lacombe, Alberta T4L 2J8



www.WolfCreekWash.com



General
Est. 1972
APPLIANCES

6010 Highway 2A North Lacombe, AB T4L 2G5
Phone: 403-782-3735 Fax: 403-782-7011
www.generalappliances.ca

Garth
Pol CGA

**CERTIFIED GENERAL
ACCOUNTANT**

Garth Pol, CGA

Ph: 403-782-9600
Fax: 403-782-9665
Cell: 403-350-8378

gpolcga@telus.net

5014 - 50th Avenue
Lacombe, AB T4L 2L1

"Making Business Work For You"

ROCK & WOOD

CREATIONS

Mike Oudman

403.391.2515
michaeloudman@yahoo.ca
rocknwoodcreations.ca

Landscaping,
Custom Rock
& Woodwork

LACOMBE
SIGNMASTERS
SIGNS / GRAPHICS LTD.
www.signmasters.ca
403-782-7446

Custom Signage
From Design to Completion
Terry & Donna Vandeborn

When You Get the Facts...It's RE/MAX!



Each Office Independently
Owned and Operated

RE/MAX real estate central alberta
#1, 5265 45th Street, Lacombe, AB T4L 2A2

NICK LESHER
Associate

nicklesher@remax.net
nick@lesherrealestate.com
www.nicklesher.com

403.318.2930
403.782.4301
FAX: 403.782.2285

Commercial • Farms • Ranches • Acreages



Stone Ridge Monuments

Bernie TenHove
403.352.6444
srmonuments@gmail.com

Site 3 Box 11 RR 1
Lacombe, AB
T4L 2N1

Granite & Natural Stone Monuments, Pet Monuments, Rock Signs, Glass Etching, Custom Decaling



EDGE
MARKETING & DESIGN

Web Design Graphic Design Marketing

403.789.3343 info@edgemarketing.ca
www.edgemarketing.ca

Tupperware
Try it before you buy it

Clase van Iperen
Consultant

PO Box 5532
Lacombe, AB
403 396 3708

clase.pietjan@gmail.com
www.my.tupperware.ca/clase




RE/MAX
real estate central alberta
Karen Postmus
REALTOR®

Cell: 403.550.4898
Office Number: 403.782.4301
Email: karenpostmus@remax.net

www.karenpostmus.remax.ca
#101, 5035 50 Street, Lacombe, AB T4L 1X9

 Each Office Independently Owned and Operated



Ruben de Korte

RdK Contracting 403-877-7635
Lacombe, Alberta
rubendeKorte@hotmail.com

ALL AROUND FARMING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

Training in
Christian
Living





CHRISTIAN
HOCKEY CAMPS
HOCKEY MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

Calgary, Alberta
July 22 - 27, 2018
COED
Day & Overnight Camp
Ambrose University College

Current &
Former
NHL Instructors

www.hockeyministries.org

Your Community Dental Clinic
We are accepting new patients
403.782.3755



LACOMBE
DENTAL CLINIC

Central AB Garment District

Ladies Fashions, Jewelry, Scarves and more!
Join our group on Facebook!

Anita Swier
403.348.9926

anitas.fashions@gmail.com