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NEWSLETTER

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Ponderings

During the summer I do a variety of things – some are “summer” and some are “regular”. One of my regular activities is reading the obituaries in the Red Deer Advocate. The variety of responses to the death of a loved one keeps it fresh and interesting. One that really stood out was one man’s fascinating mini-biography. It encapsulated his early life in war torn Europe, courtship and marriage, the journey to a new land, struggles of survival and getting established, and joys of raising a family and seeing them prosper.

He wasn’t just a survivor – he was a thriver. He worked hard in a variety of difficult jobs. He finally settled into a career of putting down asphalt for a road construction company, a job he loved (one many today would scorn or avoid). He adored his family and expected them to be the best they could be. He loved creating things with his hands, gardening and family wine making. He was an optimist – things were always “99 ¾ per cent”. The tribute captured the life of an ordinary man who was extraordinarily loved by all who knew him well. He lived a simple life by the standards of today. Family and work were at the center. He faced huge struggles, but met each challenge. It seems he resolved to make the most of what he had been given and to live each day well.

I am struck by how unlike him so many today have become. We are caught up in a complex world fraught with the problems of post-modernity. In the educational

field it is widely observed that children and young adults are increasingly anxious and lacking in resilience. Our awareness of the world is broadening, but seems to be accompanied by an ever growing uncertainty. We rightly examine the past and present in order to learn from our mistakes, but feel ambivalence about ourselves and the traditions and culture that once defined us. Education, one viewed as the means by which we would be liberated from past struggles, seems to be adding to the general sense that things aren’t that great and will probably get worse.

As a career educator I feel schools at times contribute to this problem, but Christian schools, in my view, are particularly well-equipped to counter this trend. As partners with home and church, we do not fall into the trap of attempting to meet all of a student’s needs. One specific curriculum shift we have undertaken at CACHS is to refocus on the Bible in our religion courses. It is my hope that increasing Bible knowledge in students will contribute to their sense that God is in control of human events and is the author of their personal stories – simple, yet profound and comforting truths.

I am reminded of something I once read about Malcolm Muggeridge, a brilliant thinker, journalist and social critic who came to the Christian faith later in life. When asked to explain his theology, he replied, “Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so”. If the sum total of our efforts at CACHS helps our kids to profess this, I will be satisfied.

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 are already seven weeks into the school year. Students and staff are settling into their school routines. Our teachers have spent a few days learning with other teachers at the teacher's convention at Gateway Christian School in Red Deer. Fall is fully upon us and some winter weather too! We all have so much to be thankful for. We give thanks to God for our family, church family and our Christian school community.

The Industrial Arts committee has been dissolved. We are thankful for all their hard work in creating the shop building. We invite all members to the shop dedication on October 22 at 6 pm.

Bill 24 Update – We submitted our Safe and Caring Policy with a few minor changes that were recommended by the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedom (JCCF). As a school board, we are pleased with our policy. We did not remove wording such as 'truth' or Bible verses such as "we believe men and women were created in the image of God" as Education Minister Eggen is demanding. As a unified Board, we agreed that, rather than trying to make our policy compliant, our policy is consistent with our constitutional laws. You can view our policy online at www.cachs.ca. Click on the top header 'our school', then click on 'plans and reports' where you will find our Safe and Caring Policy.

It is our prayer that you will make conversation with those around you of the parental rights Mr. Eggen is taking away from all schools, whether religious or not, as many are unaware of this. Get it touch with your MP and Mr. Eggen and let them hear from you! An easy way to contact Ron Orr and Mr. Eggen is to use ARPA's easy mail (www.easymail.arpacanada.ca) and/or phone call templates (www.arpacanada.ca under the Gideon Project). Another excellent source of information is the Parents for Choice in Education (PCE) website www.parentchoice.ca

Please mark our JCCF's coalition court date of December 3rd on your calendar; more information to come. As we wait for this court date, this verse comes to mind – "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12

Board Appointments for 2018/2019
Chairperson – Lennard VanderSchee
Vice Chair – Steve Wildeboer
Secretary – Val Ingwersen
Treasurer – Phil Tenbrinke
Maintenance – Fred Baong
Development – Hennie van de Brake
Education – Brian Bajema and Tracey Wiersma

Val Ingwersen
Board Secretary

Industrial Arts Building Open House

The new shop is built and the Industrial Arts Building Committee has completed its mandate! Our committee has felt the great community support around CACHS and we are counting our many blessings! There will be an **Open House on October 22 with a dedication and BBQ at 6 pm.**

Address/Phone changes?

If you have recently moved or changed your phone number, please let the school office know as soon as possible. Our office, as well as Alberta Education requires up to date information and we would appreciate receiving any changes as soon as they happen. Any updates can be emailed to office@cachs.ca or call the office at 403-782-4535.

Off-Site Activity Consent form

For insurance purposes, we are required to have a completed and signed Off-site Activity Consent form on file for each of our students. An email was sent out last week to those parents who have not yet completed and returned the form to our office. If you received the email, please return the completed form as soon as possible. Thank you.

Financial Update

You would have received your membership renewal in the mail recently. If you would like to retain your membership with the school, please send the form and membership fee to the school.

If you haven't already sent in your postdated tuition cheques for the school, please send them to the school's Business Office. If you would like to do direct deposit, please contact me at the school at 403-782-4535.

Watch for the annual CACHS Fall Drive brochure that will be coming in the mail or in your church mailboxes in November. We ask that you prayerfully consider to what extent you can support CACHS through this year's Fall Drive. A canvasser should be contacting you in November. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me.

Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

Career Corner

"Christian young people are members of the covenant of grace, chosen by God to be vessels of honour. As they understand and accept their responsibilities as citizens of God's kingdom, they apply the simple, yet fundamental, principle of doing all things to the glory of God with creative ability and technical skill."
Educating for Life Today and Tomorrow – A Christian Schools Canada publication.

On Tuesday, October 16th we had the privilege of having 12 different post secondary institutions come to our school. The afternoon started with the representatives being available in the gym to inform students about their school. After, each student attended three different presentations of their choice. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the variety of choices available for formal education after high school.

The Green Certificate introduction meeting occurred on Thursday, October 11th. Green Certificate is an off campus agricultural program where students can train in 10 different disciplines. If you have any questions about this program please contact me.

Veronica DenOudsten
Career Counselor

Library News

Our Autumn has included all four seasons, with sunshine and warmth, right to a cold wind and snow. Even though our weather and life might be filled with uncertainty, be assured that our God is big enough and is in control.

The library has been busy with puzzles again this year. If you have any puzzles that need a new home, please consider donating them to the school.

We have quite a few new books on a spinning book carousel that are now available to be checked out. Some that complete old series and some that are beginnings of new ones. Some of the new ones include:

- Melanie Dickerson's – A Dangerous Engagement.
- Look for a new series by Melanie Cellier. She is taking a new view of popular fairytales.
- Another new series is The Line of Duty by Janice Cantore.
- Also, look for the biblically based series written by Mesu Andrews.

Please take a minute and come and see what is available.

Have a good month.

Yvonne Reed
Librarian

Development Director Report

CACHS Wear Order

This fall we plan to have an online store available for CACHS Wear, where you will be able to order your CACHS apparel through a link on our website. Stay tuned for more information and deadlines. If you have any questions, email Cindy at cekkel@cacvhs.ca

CACHS Catering

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 call 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 Frances Vander Wekken at 403-782-3327. 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

Rosemary Vander Ploeg – 403-783-5217

Calendar

October 22 – Industrial Arts Shop Open house BBQ
at 6 pm - see note elsewhere

October 26 – no Wolf Creek buses

November 1 – First report card of Semester One

November 7 – Picture retake day

November 8 – Parent teacher interviews – after
school and evening

November 9 – Parent teacher interviews – morning
Staff collaboration – pm

No school

November 12 – No school –

In lieu – Remembrance Day

Student & FCC Drive Away Hunger Drive

As a school we raised 525 pounds of food and \$181 which works out to be 1068 meals for our local food bank. Good work students!

Athletics Schedule

Follow us on:

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Athletics Calendar:

CACHS Volleyball

Oct. 19/20 – GVB/BVB Picture Butte tournament

Oct. 24 @ 6 pm GVB/BVB - PAA at CACHS

Nov. 2/3 – GVB/BVB Calgary Christian
Tournament

Nov. 5 – GVB/BVB Home Playoff games

Nov. 7 – GVB/BVB Home Playoff games

Nov. 17 – GVB/BVB Zone Tournament
(Location TBD)

Nov. 21-24 – Volleyball Provincial Championships
(boys in Bashaw, girls in Bassano)

Nov. 30-Dec 1 – 3-on-3 Christian schools basketball
tournament

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