

# NEWSLETTER



## Important Upcoming Dates:

- December 21–January 6  
- Christmas Break
- January 7  
- Classes Resume
- January 14  
- English 30-1 & 30-2  
Part A Diploma–a.m.
- January 17 & 18  
- Drama presentation  
7:30 p.m.
- January 18  
- No School– PD Day
- January 23  
- Math 30-1 & 30-2  
Diploma– a.m.
- January 24  
- English 30-1 & 30-2  
Part B Diploma– a.m.
- January 29  
- Chemistry 30 Diploma–  
a.m.
- January 30  
- Science 30 Diploma–  
p.m.
- January 31  
- No School–Semester  
Break  
- Ski trip
- February 1  
- Second semester begins



*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.*

*1 Timothy 4:12*

## PONDERINGS - CHRISTMAS 2018

Once again we find ourselves in advent. The rituals begin, the trappings appear. We give and receive gifts. I have ordered some books to give as Christmas gifts. Books can be some of the most valuable gifts we ever get. In the good ones we find a world of wonders that can be visited and revisited for years to come, opening doors, planting seeds and teaching us new ideas, like....antinomy.

### *Antinomy.*

I first encountered it a couple of years ago. I was reading a book about U.S. President Woodrow Wilson that was recommended by my esteemed colleague, Mr. Travis Eggink. It explored Wilson's handling of foreign affairs, with a particular focus upon WW I. According to the author, President Wilson was an idealist—a man of deep faith and vast knowledge of the Bible, and these things undergirded his life and political career. His theology was Presbyterian, and he embraced the principle of *antinomy* in faith and politics.

What is antinomy? It is “a contradiction between two statements, both apparently obtained by correct reasons”. In Bible 20 we are getting a deeper sense of the meaning of this word. At present we are examining the nature and person of Jesus. Students are reading passages about Him that reveal who He is, with a focus upon the gospels. We started by looking at the book of John. We noted that the descriptions of Jesus, provided by both John and Jesus himself, are mysterious, paradoxical, and powerful. Christ, the Prince of Peace, is so much more than that. Students are pondering passages expressing that Jesus came “not to bring peace, but a sword...to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother....”

How can we reconcile apparent contradictions? At times Biblical paradox can readily be explained through the application of sound theological principles. At other times this is less likely to yield conclusions that are, at least to the human mind, satisfactory. All Christians experience times when we struggle to see how a loving God, who sent his son to die so that all could be reconciled to Him,

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allows evil to persist. We struggle to accept the sovereignty and inscrutability of the Creator of the universe, as a loving God who also reaches into our personal lives. How can these things be? Easy answers elude us.

Many years ago a boxed set of C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia* entered my childhood home, as a Christmas present I think. I still remember a quotation from *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* in which Mr. Beaver responds to a question from Susan about meeting the lion, Aslan. Naturally she is concerned about an encounter with a powerful, fierce creature. Will she be safe? "Safe?" said Mr. Beaver.... "Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you."

Once again I wish you a blessed and restful Christmas and strength for the challenges of the new year on behalf of the school –one filled with encounters with the King born in a stable.

Pete Hoekstra  
Principal

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## BILL 24 UPDATE

As you are aware, on December 3 the injunction was refiled at the Court of Appeal in Calgary. The hearing varied significantly in nature from the hearing at the lower court in June, with the Appeal Justices Shutz, McDonald and Pentelechuk, appearing to seriously consider harm facing children and schools.

For example, Justice McDonald interjected early in the Government's oral argument to note that he was 'troubled' by the course of events taken by the government, indicating that the Government's threat of defunding looked like an "attempt by the government to coerce these litigants to give up their challenge."

Justice Shutz likewise noted the government's 'credible' threats to take steps including defunding against non-compliant schools. Justice Shutz went so far as to question the Government's counsel on whether the lower court's finding that schools' accreditation and funding were not at risk was a 'palpable and overriding error.'

Justice McDonald also found it a 'bit troubling' that there was no delineation in Bill 24 between the treatment of 6 year olds and 17 year olds in regard to GSAs. Justice Pentelechuk, who was only recently appointed to the Alberta Court of Appeal, was more quiet, but appeared to have a good grasp on the materials before the Court as well.

The Court of Appeal has reserved its decision, which will likely not be issued for a few months. The court has a significant volume of materials and evidence, along with written and oral submissions from the Government, the Calgary Sexual Health Centre, the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada and the Justice Centre to consider in determining whether to stay provisions mandating secrecy concerning GSA and activities and to issue an injunction preventing the Government from taking adverse action, including defunding, against the noncompliant schools.

You may wish to consult the following links:

<https://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/corbella-some-alarming-revelations-about-gsas-at-alberta-court-of-appeal>

<https://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/corbella-provincial-lawyer-provides-bad-info-at-court-of-appeal-into-gsas>

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## PARENTS FOR CHOICE IN EDUCATION PRESENTATION

For parents and all concerned with issues and developments in education in Alberta, keep the evening of Thursday, January 24th, 2019 open. Parents For Choice in Education will be giving a presentation at the Ponoka Christian School. In light of our on-going efforts against Bill 24 this is a much needed and informative evening. Feel free to visit their website at [parentchoice.ca](http://parentchoice.ca) and sign up for their emails.

## BOARD NOTES

“And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.” Philippians 2: 8-10

On behalf of the school board, we wish each student, staff member and family a Merry Christmas and God’s blessings in 2019. May each family reflect on Jesus’ birth, the greatest gift of all.

As a school board, we look forward to an evening of food and games with the staff in January. Our next school board meeting is January 14. If you have any questions of concerns, please contact one of the board members.

Board Appointments for 2018/2019

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

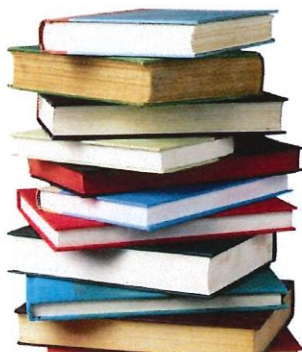
Our annual Fall Drive is well underway. Our goal was set at \$125,000. We would like to thank the people who already donated to the drive. As of December 14th, we have received \$23,850.00. Prayerfully consider to what extent you can support CACHS through this year’s drive. Donations can be given to a canvasser or mailed directly to the school—CACHS, 22 Eagle Road, Lacombe, AB T4L 1G7 Attention: Wendy Barnes. To receive a donation receipt for 2018, please have your donation to the school by 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 28, 2018 so I can make a bank deposit at noon that day. There is an outside mail box at the front doors if you would like to drop off a donation. You can also call me at 403-885-5187 if you would like to meet at the school during Christmas Break.

If you haven’t sent in your tuition cheques this year, statements will be coming out in January.

May you have a wonderful Christmas season with family and friends as you celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Wendy Barnes, Business Administrator

## LIBRARY NEWS



It’s once again difficult to comprehend that it is December. Did you know that we are once again experience unseasonal warmth, not that I’m complaining! The colder weather does help bring about the Christmas spirit, the desire to bake family favorites, wrap gifts and curl up with a good book.

Christmas for me, tends to be a pivot point. I can look back at the many blessings that I have experienced and then look and dream of the future. I am so thankful for the mercy and grace that God has extended to me. Even through the difficulties we may experience, like the loss of a loved one, He is faithful and present. The future can be concerning and at times scary but we have a promise. “My peace I leave you, my peace I give you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled; nor let it be fearful.” John 14:27 NASB

During your post-Christmas clean up, if you have puzzles that need a new home, please bring them into the library. We have a great need for some new puzzles.

Take time to relax and make a memory.

Yvonne Reed, Librarian

## CAREER CORNER

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company... a church .... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it." Charles Swindoll

On November 15th the remaining (many were doing a wonderful job representing CACHS at the ASAA provincial volleyball championships) grade 10 students had the opportunity to help out the Missions Thrift store in Red Deer. Thanks for all the excellent work they completed in the afternoon!

On November 26, 2018 we welcomed Bgd. Thomas Waddell from the Canadian Armed Forces as he set up a table with information over the lunch hour.

On December 17th we welcomed Melody from Burman University as she set up a table with information over the lunch hour.

We look forward to a blessed Christmas season. May we all enjoy the holidays as we continue to celebrate the 'reason for the season'.

Veronica Den Oudsten  
Career Counselor

## 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 Den Oudsten for more 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.

CACHS Catering:

Emma Den Oudsten

- 403-782-2657

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**Save the Date**

*Swing into Spring*

*Dinner and Dessert Auction Fundraiser*

*Thursday, March 7, 2019*

*@ Central Alberta Christian High School*

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## MAINTENANCE PERSON NEEDED

The Maintenance committee of CACHS is seeking a 'handy-person' to fill a paid position, and who would be able to spend up to 20 hours per month doing some maintenance work, minor repairs, and general odds and ends in and around the school. This person would work closely with the maintenance committee and our janitor in completing these various tasks. If you are interested in this job or would like more information, please contact Ted Vander Meulen, our Maintenance committee chairman at 403-885-4749.

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## DRAMA PRESENTATION



Location: Central Alberta Christian High School

Date: Thursday, January 17th and Friday, January 18th

Time: 7:30 pm (Doors open at 7:00 pm)

Cost: \$10/ticket

Come out and join the CACHS drama class for a fun evening of laughs and audience engagement. This evening will include the one act comedy "This is a Test" by Stephen Gregg along with other skits and performances that showcase the talents of the performers.

"This is a Test" is a play about a young high school student, Alan, who cannot seem to stop daydreaming long enough to write his test. It seems like everything is against him—his teacher, classmates, and especially that voice *stuck* inside his head. This lighthearted comedy is relatable to anyone who has ever been in school or had to take a test. You can purchase tickets in advance by calling 403-782-4535 or at the door (if any tickets are remaining) - this is one evening you will *not* want to miss!

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## THANK YOU

Dear Family in Christ

Via this newsletter, we want to thank you all for your love and support during and after Lianne's cancer battle. Thank you for your prayers, cards, visits, kind words, monetary gifts, meals, cleaning, donated services and any other way you showed Christ's love. It is amazing to feel the support of the body of Christ, we feel carried through it in this difficult time.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we navigate life without Lianne here with us. God is good, all the time.

Clase and Piet Jan van Iperen and family  
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# ATHLETICS

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## Athletic Calendar:

Jan. 7—BBB & GBB at Bentley

Jan. 11/12—BBB & GBB—CACHS Invitational Tournament

Jan. 15—BBB & GBB at Eckville

Feb. 1 & 2—BBB tournament at Athabasca

Feb. 4— GBB/BBB Delburne at CACHS

Feb. 7—GBB/BBB PAA at CACHS

Feb. 8/9—GBB tournament at Hanna



All are welcome to drop-in badminton every Thursday at CACHS from 7-9 pm



## 1A PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS!



Congratulations to the Girls Volleyball team for placing first at the ASAA 1A Provincial Volleyball Championship!  
GO KNIGHTS GO!



Congratulations to the boys volleyball team for placing 3rd at the ASAA 1A Provincial Volleyball Championships!

*As the Volleyball season comes to a close, we would like to say thank you to Tashelle Loov, Carlee VandeKraats and Kim Keating for all their hard work and dedication to coaching the teams.*

**Thank you!**

## Peel-A-Deal Fundraising

Purchase the cards for \$10.00 and get an amazing \$58 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.



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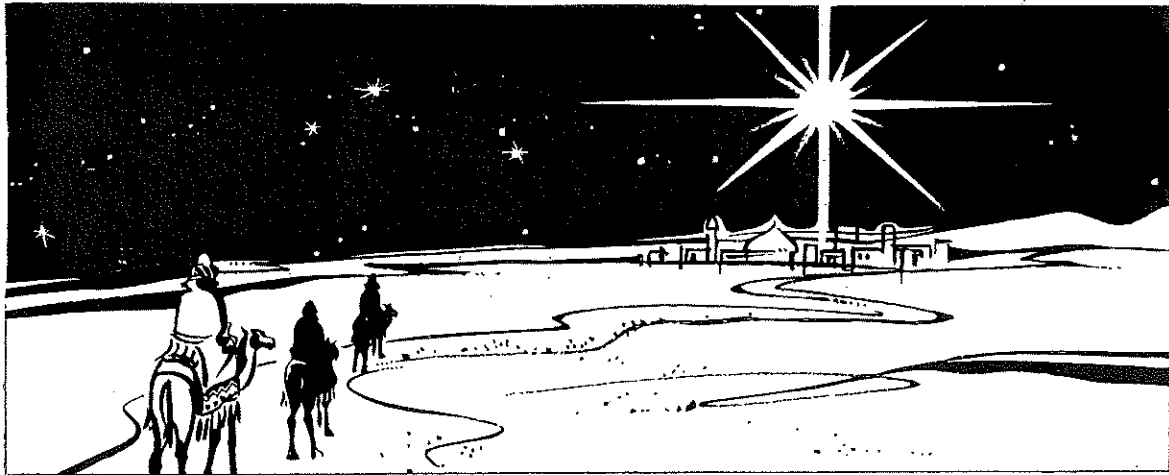
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Christmas which is Peace**

**The gladness of Christmas  
which is Hope**

**The heart of Christmas  
which is Love**

**May the blessings of  
Christmas be yours now and  
throughout the new year.**



**Merry Christmas from the Staff  
and students of Central Alberta  
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