

NEWSLETTER

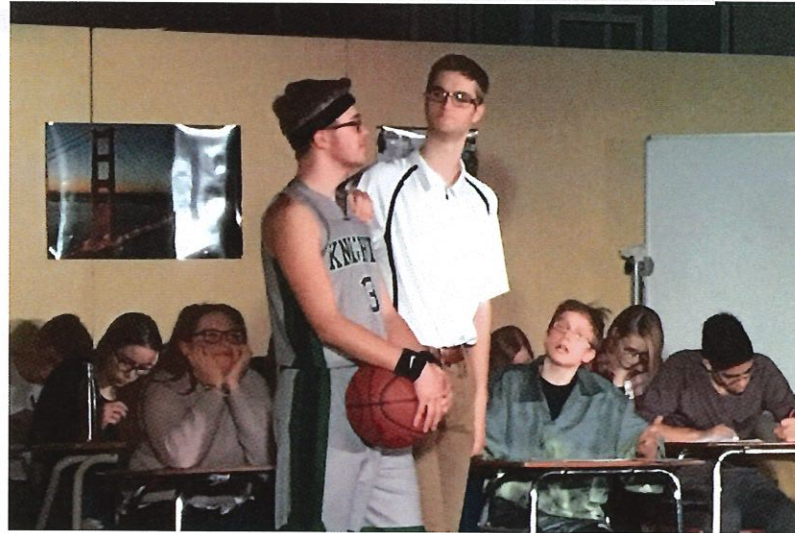


Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12

Important Upcoming Dates:

- 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
- February 7
 - Parent/teacher Interviews
- February 15
 - AISCA Teachers' Convention—no school
- February 18
 - Family Day—no school
- February 28
 - Open house for grade 8 & 9's
- March 14
 - No school
- March 15–24
 - Spring break
- March 18–30
 - Israel Trip



The students of Drama 10,20 & 30 presented "This is a Test" on January 17 & 18th. Two wonderful evenings of students presenting their talents!

PONDERINGS - JANUARY 2019

Beginnings

As I write, students prepare for the end of the semester by finishing up their last assignments and thinking about how to get ready for their finals (or even begin to study for them). A new year has begun, yet they are in the final stretch academically speaking. Report cards will soon be issued. Grades—good, bad and otherwise—will be finalized and report cards will go out. And a new semester will begin.

Much attention has been paid to school grading systems and criteria. Do they accurately measure student learning? Should letters or numbers be used? Should zeros ever be given? Should we use anecdotal descriptors? A school must make judgments about student progress in order to gauge the effectiveness of instruction and the level of student readiness to face the next challenge, at school or elsewhere.

Schools (including staff and administration) also receive "report cards" from various sources. Soon parents will be receiving the annual survey from Alberta Education covering a range of questions pertaining to the life of the school. How do we answer these questions? How can we tell whether our school prepares our students for life beyond school, or involves parents effectively, or strives to improve, or is safe and caring?

Our school have been under much scrutiny in the past several years. This is not necessarily a bad thing. I have spent much time thinking about how we are judged, and how we are to make our judgments. What criteria do we use? Are they fair? Are they useful? Do they lead to improved practice? Are they Biblically derived and representative of the Christian way? Without some "measuring stick" the exercise is futile.

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In my denomination each church is overseen by a council, and its members are committed to the periodic practice of mutual censure. What does this mean? In short, they call each other to task in the execution of their offices. Are they remiss in their duties? Do they bring their position or the body into disrepute? They are able to do this because the tasks and qualifications accompanying their position are clearly laid out and agreed upon. *There is a common standard.*

Without a common framework by which to understand our life and purpose, all communal activity is futile. I like to think that as we judge and make judgments about our schools, and wrestle with the challenges they face, we do so in a manner that is fair, wise and reflective of a commitment to common Biblical standards. Scripture exhorts us to seek the mind of Christ, and to challenge our Christian brothers and sisters to do the same. It is my prayer that in 2019 we will remain committed to "speaking the truth in love" (Eph. 4:15) at CACHS.

Pete Hoekstra
Principal

BOARD NOTES

Happy New Year to all our CACHS families and supporters! In this new year, we look forward to all that God has planned for us. We think of our students and teachers as they are busy studying, preparing and writing exams. May Philippians 4:13 encourage you at this time, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Here are a few agenda items at our board meeting on January 14:

- Eagle Builders is setting up a trade scholarship for our grade 12 CACHS students.
- The Education Committee is beginning to develop a Shop Use Policy.
- The teachers are concerned with the use of cell phones in class. As a school board, we agreed that steps need to be taken to solve the problem. The teachers will work together to find a solution.
- We have hired Peter Dewit to update our CACHS website. It will be more user and mobile friendly. We want to thank CACHS Catering for funding the website upgrade.
- We still wait for a decision on the December 3rd Bill 24 court case. We are very excited that ARPA has been granted intervener status on our case!!!

We will soon be looking for new board members for those who have completed their terms. As part of this newsletter you will find a Nomination Form. If you would like to nominate someone, please fill out the form and forward it to our Board chairperson, board secretary or in a sealed envelope to the school by February 25th.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 25th. Feel free to contact one of us if you have any questions or concerns.

Board Appointments for 2018/2019

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FINANCIAL UPDATE—JANUARY 2019

The Board and Staff would like to thank everyone who donated to the Fall Drive. The School is truly blessed by your support prayerfully and financially. As of January 22nd we have received \$79,489.75 for the fall drive. 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.

You should receive your donation receipts in your church mailboxes or in the mail in the next week. If you haven't received them by the middle of February, please let me know and I will send out a duplicate to you.

If you haven't sent in your post dated tuition cheques, I will be mailing out tuition statements in the beginning of February. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me at the school 403-782-4535.

Yours in Christ
Wendy Barnes

CAREER CORNER

Author Dorothy Sayers writes: "What is the Christian understanding of work? It is that work is not, primarily, a thing one does to live, but the thing one lives to do. It is, or it should be, the full expression of the workers faculties.... The medium in which he offers himself to God."

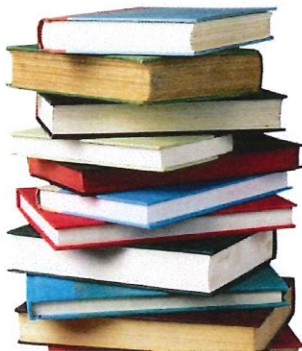
As our students consider where they are going after school it is important to understand the value of work. Our work is an amazing opportunity to offer ourselves to God.

There are always various post secondary institutions that come by CACHS during lunch hour to provide students with information regarding their school. We recently had Burman send a representative, and Ambrose will be coming soon. In March we look forward to travelling off campus to attend a World of Choices workshop, and a career day at Burman.

As a new semester approaches, students and parents are welcome to contact me in regards to the new classes. If you have questions in regards to the pre-requisites for post secondary education, this is a good time to ask. I look forward to a wonderful start to the second semester.

Veronica Den Oudsten
Career Counselor

LIBRARY NEWS



Christmas has been celebrated and we have welcomed the New Year. We are now looking at finishing off old responsibilities and stepping into new challenges. We are finishing up the first semester and with that there are projects and exams that need to be finished. The Library has been a busy place. Lately the memorization of portions of the play have kept us on our toes. Keep at it, your hard work will pay off.

Circulation is down this year, which concerns me. Reading for pleasure is an important part of a student's development. There is nothing I love more than talking "books" with individuals. We have some new additions to our collection, with more coming in the next few months. If you are looking for the 'new books' they are on the free standing book rack. These are some of the authors represented: Lynette Eason, Patricia Bradley, Ted Dekker and Jose Rosenberg just to list a few.

Just a reminder to all parents and society members that the library is also available to you. I just need to have a current phone number for you. I would ask that everyone please be diligent in return any books you borrow in a timely manner. Thank you also to those of you who have donated puzzles. They are already being assembled! Wishing you all a Blessed 2019.

Yvonne Reed, Librarian

CACHS CATERING

CACHS Catering upcoming events:

- Swing into Spring Fundraiser
- April 6—Ponoka Christian School Auction



CACHS Catering:

Emma Den Oudsten

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Jennette Oosterink

- 780-372-2130

Rosemary Vander Ploeg

- 403-783-5217

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 strives to 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.

Swing into Spring

Family Dinner Fundraiser

To build community and raise money for our school



*If you have a
business and
would like to
sponsor a table,
please email*

*Cindy
cekkel@cachs.ca*

Please join us for a free CACHS
Catering Dinner, on Thursday,
March 7 @6:30 pm.

There will be a Dessert Silent
Auction and a movie with pop-
corn for the kids.

All are welcome, but seats must
be reserved.

Doors will open at 6:15pm



**Please phone the
school at
(403) 782-4535
to book your
FREE seats or
a table of 8**

ATHLETICS

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Athletic Calendar:

Feb. 1 & 2—BBB at Athabasca Tournament

Feb. 4— GBB/BBB host Delburne at 6 pm

Feb. 7—GBB/BBB host PAA at 6 pm

Feb. 8/9—GBB at Hanna Tournament

Feb. 8/9—BBB at Bashaw Tournament

Feb. 14—GBB/BB host Area playoff games at 6 pm

Feb. 15/16—GBB/BBB at Calgary Christian Tournament

Feb. 25—GBB/BB host Area playoff games at 6 pm

Free drop in badminton every Thursday from 7—9 pm.



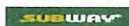
Peel-A-Deal Fundraising

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.



LACOMBE Soccer Club

2019 Outdoor Soccer Registration & AGM

Wednesday, February 13

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

For registration forms:
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**Central Alberta Christian High School
Board Nomination Form
Spring 2019**

We, the undersigned, nominate _____ to the School Board.

1. _____

2. _____

I agree to let my name stand for nomination for the Central Alberta Christian High School Board.

Nominee's Signature: _____

Short Biography: _____

Deadline for nominations is February 25, 2019

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