

# NEWSLETTER

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*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:

June 5, 6 & 7

— Grade 12 Grad trip

June 13 - Social 30-1 &  
30-2 diploma Part A

June 24—Social 30-1 &  
30-2 diploma Part B

June 25

—Biology 30 diploma

June 27

—Physics 30 diploma

June 20—25—Exams for  
Grade 10 & 11

June 28— Graduation

## PONDERINGS

The winds of political change have once again swept through the province of Alberta, and as a school we are switching gears once again as we adjust to a new government and education minister. The prior government was, philosophically and practically, devoted to creating a system based upon a monolithic model of education, both in terms of governance and funding. The current government has presented policies and made public declarations indicating that it supports a pluralistic model in which “parents, not politicians” are acknowledged as the primary decision makers in their child’s education. “Choice” is one of their buzzwords.

It can’t be disputed that the pressure many independent schools felt under the previous government has been reduced. We believe we have been given breathing room as we await announced changes to educational legislation. I am convinced that the present government is amenable to recognizing the validity of Christian education as articulated in the foundational principles of CACHS, and this will guide the way in which they deal with us. All we have ever asked is to be given a “fair shake”, and it would seem that our expectations may indeed be met.

Several decades back the Association of Independent Schools and Colleges of Alberta called its campaign to raise the profile of independent schools in Alberta “Choices for Children”. I remember having a discussion with former CACHS principal Jack Vanden Pol about the campaign name. It seemed to me it captured the goal of Christian schools very well. He had reservations about it, and I asked him why. He explained that for many Christians, it isn’t a choice—it’s an imperative.

Jack’s response has stayed with me to this day. It reminds me that when we are immersed in the problems and issues of the day, we are easily caught up in modes of thinking, terminology, and approaches that very much reflect a particular time, place and set of problems. Scripture calls us to be engaged, but always in a manner that is centered on God’s will and ways. As we move forward to the next set of challenges, may we remain vigilant as we navigate, and humbly submissive to Him. “For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.” (2 Cor. 10 v. 3)

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## BOARD NOTES

As you read this, we have one month left of school! Students and staff are in the home stretch preparing for exams and for Grade 12 graduation on June 28. You will notice on your child's course selection sheets there is an option for RTI (Response to intervention) math. RTI math will be taught by Miss Lindballe and is intended to give our students extra time in Math and achieve higher grades on their diplomas. We are also in contact with LCS and PCS to make sure students entering Grade 10 are ready for Grade 10 math as we have struggled on Grade 12 diplomas the last three years.

Twenty people were in attendance at our Spring Society Meeting where we approved board members, the proposed budget and had time for discussion. We anticipate 10 more students next year! Phil Tenbrinke has agreed to stay on Finance for the coming year. Phil, along with Cindy Ekkel and Hendrik deGier were approved by society to serve on our school board. The Fall Drive has raised \$122,567.75 (goal of \$125,000). The Swing into Spring Dinner raised \$43,216.49. The shop building came in at \$1,241,631.52 which was slightly over budget (\$41,000). Thank you to all our faithful supporters, together with our staff members and volunteer committee members who serve to make CACHS a beautiful, well run Christian school.

Our principal, Pete Hoekstra, gave the following update regarding Bill 24 at the society meeting. The election of the UCP as the new government gives reasonable assurance that the imminent threat to our schools has been averted. As a board, we have been in contact with the JCCF regarding our case against Bill 24. After encouragement from JCCF, we have written a letter to Minister LaGrange to ask for further clarity regarding the UCP's commitments. Please continue to contact and pray for our new government as they have a lot of work to do, especially in education.

God is able "to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us." Ephesians 3:20

Our next board meeting is scheduled for May 27th. Feel free to contact one of us if you have any questions or concerns.

Val Ingwersen  
Board Secretary

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR MAY 2019

Tuition letters will be coming out at the end of May beginning of June. Please return the payment schedule back to the school by June 20th. I will also be sending out new Electronic Fund Transfer Authorization forms for next year to the families who had signed up this past year. If you would like to sign up for next year, please let me know and I will send you a form.

Tuition statements will be coming out at the end of the month. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me at 403-782-4535 or via email.

Wendy Barnes  
Business Administrator

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## CAREER CORNER— MAY 2019

“As Christians, we have a higher master and a higher goal. Far from being meaningless, working with divine purpose not only brings new energy and motivation with endless possibilities in how God will use us, but on a divine agenda, our work lasts beyond the temporal into the eternal.” Charles Price (May 7)

Grade 12 students have been reminded that all of the CACHS scholarship applications are due May 31st. The following scholarships are available for students who will be attending post-secondary education.

**Cameron Dowling Memorial**—This \$1000 scholarship is awarded to an applicant who has always shown a passion for education and learning.

**Drs. Engel and Power—Family Eye Care Scholarship**—\$500 for an outstanding grade 12 student planning to pursue a career in the health care field.

**Jenna Weenink Memorial**—\$200 for an applicant who shows congenial leadership.

**Bentley Seed Cleaning Plant**—\$200 for an applicant pursuing an agriculture or related field.

We are thankful for the creation of two new scholarships to be awarded for the first time this year.

**Eagle Ridge Homes Scholarship**: \$1000 for an applicant who shows a passion for learning, demonstrates Christian character and positive citizenship, and is enrolled in a trade school.

**Eagle Builders Trade Scholarship**: \$2500 for an applicant who demonstrated a high level of commitment to achieving excellence in a trades related program, plans to pursue a trade and demonstrates Christian character and positive citizenship.

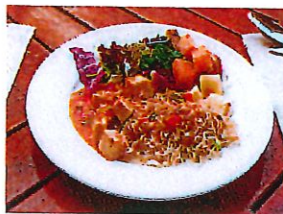
I am currently talking to the grade 10 and 11 students in regards to future goals and course selection for next year. If you have any questions in regards to classes, I am at school Monday's and Wednesday's.

Veronica Den Oudsten  
Career Counselor

## CACHS CATERING

CACHS Catering upcoming events:

- June 8—Pastor Neil deKoning retirement banquet—Lacombe Memorial Center
- June 28—CACHS Grad—CACHS gym
- July 27—Giesbrecht/Bos wedding
- August 16—Stolk/Bruns wedding
- August 24—Diane Goodwin, family reunion



### CACHS Catering:

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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.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Library News will return next month.

Yvonne Reed,

Librarian



## REGISTRATIONS—COURSE SELECTION SHEETS

The course selection sheets for 2019-2020 have now been finalized. These sheets have been handed out to the Grade 10 and 11 students and will be mailed out to the Grade 9 students who have indicated that they will be attending CACHS in September. A number of copies will also be dropped off at both Lacombe Christian School and Ponoka Christian School.

If your child is planning on attending CACHS in September we would ask that you please complete the registration form and send it to CACHS—22 Eagle Road, Lacombe, AB T4L 1G7 at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the school at 403-782-4535.

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## HELP WANTED

Lacombe Christian School is looking for a summer staff person. Duties to include—cleaning, lawn maintenance, and general janitorial work. Monday—Friday commencing July 1, 2019. Please contact Wayne Bouwman—403-348-7214 or send resume to bouwman.wayne@gmail.com

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## COOKIE DOUGH FOR SALE

Our Grade 12's have been selling In-Dey-Go cookie dough as part of their grad fundraiser. We have a number of tubs of cookie dough left. If you are interested in any, please give the school a call. Tubs are \$17 each.

Chocolate Chunk— 5

Dark Chocolate White Chocolate Chunk—3

Ginger Crinkle—1

Monster Cookies—2

The MotherLode—3

Oatmeal Raisin Spice—3

Shortbread—2

Sugar Cookie—4



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