

# 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*

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## Important Upcoming Dates:

### Exam schedule:

- June 24— Diploma Part B  
Social 30-1 & 30-2  
diploma  
- Science 10,  
- Science 20 and 24  
- Chemistry 20
- June 25 -  
- Biology 30 Diploma  
- Biology 20
- June 26—Physics 20
- June 27  
- Physics 30 diploma
- June 28— Graduation
- Sept. 3—First day of school  
2019-2020

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## PONDERINGS JUNE 2019

Summer is here and the school year is almost done. Teachers and students certainly look forward to the next few months' break. Spending time at the lake, camping at a favourite campground, taking a long drive through the green and pleasant countryside, or just sitting on the deck—these months provide blessings not always available during the school year. Among other things, I look forward to putting my Father's Day gift to use. Some of you are thinking "golf clubs". Wrong—think "Instant Pot" (nothing to do with the recent legalization of certain organic substances).

"Relax" is the key word here. You can tell just by looking at someone when they're relaxed. Their posture and facial expression tell the story. The backbone isn't as quite as straight, the facial muscles are more mobile and expressive. The clothing is casual. The tension just isn't there. One can tell at a glance that someone is in "summer mode".

Posture tells us a lot about a person. During the school year I get to see all kinds of postures. Some students slouch. Others put their heads on their desks and pull their hood up. Still others walk ramrod straight, with head tilted slightly back. Some turn away from others and lower their heads, shoulders forward, eyes cast downwards. Certain groups even share a posture (sports teams). Most students adopt a posture that is neither aggressive nor apologetic—they stand and move in a manner that is open, with an even, steady gaze, confident and welcoming.

I think that our faith requires us to adopt a certain "posture" as well. By the way we speak, act and even move, we communicate, often unconsciously, who we are and what we believe about ourselves. Are we arrogant and condescending, as if inherently superior? Are we apologetic and lacking in the courage of our convictions? Do we immediately adopt the posture of those around us, regardless of their ideas?

I am grateful for the opportunity to relax this summer. I wish staff, students and parents a blessed and restful break, and one that affords us the opportunity to relax and spend some time returning to a stance and orientation that realigns us and reminds us of the kind of people we ought to be in the eyes of our Father, who created us in His image. "Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honour the king." (1Peter 2:17)

Pete Hoekstra  
Principal

## BOARD NOTES

The school year is wrapping up! Exams are being written and Graduation is June 28th at 2:00 pm at Sunrise Christian Reformed Church in Ponoka. May each family enjoy their summer break with their families. "But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you." Psalm 5:11

Our school board received a reply letter from Minister LaGrange in which she states "our government is committed to proclaiming the Education Act, and to having it take effect on September 1, 2019." In spite of the removal of the imminent threats, work remains to be done with respect to impending legislation. The Justice Centre continues to advise and encourage our coalition. AISCA has arranged a meeting with the Education minister on Wednesday, June 26 which Pete Hoekstra plans to attend. We encourage you to communicate with your MLA and Education Minister—the government needs to hear both your concerns and encouragement!

- Adriana LaGrange: RedDeer.North@assembly.ab.ca  
education.minister@gov.ab.ca 780-427-5010
- Ron Orr: Lacombe.Ponoka@assembly.ab.ca 403-782-7725
- arpacanada.ca has a phone template on Bill 8 for you to call your MLA and Education Minister!

At our last board meeting for this school year, the following board positions were decided: Steve Wildeboer (Board Chair and Finance), Hendrik deGier (Vice Chair & Finance), Phil Tenbrinke (Finance), Val Ingwersen (Secretary), Fred Baong (Maintenance), Hennie van de Brake (Development), Brian Bajema (Education) and Cindy Ekkel (Education). On behalf of the board, I would like to thank Lennard VanderSchee who served as Board Chair and on Finance for the past three years and to Tracey Wiersma as she served on the Education Committee. Take note of the new board's emails that were set up! Also check out our updated website that is mobile friendly and modern looking!!!

Our next board meeting is scheduled for August 26th. Feel free to contact one of us if you have any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to our annual board and staff BBQ on August 29.

Val Ingwersen  
Board Secretary

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## FEDERAL ELECTION 2019

On Monday, October 21, 2019, CACHS will serve as a polling station for the federal election. Our students will be able to see the election taking place on their turf! Additionally, they, and anyone else who is age 16 as of election day, are eligible for employment to carry out a variety of polling duties. If you are interested in filling one of these paid positions, go to the Elections Canada website, click the "Employment" tab, and follow the instructions. Elections Canada needs many poll workers in the riding that day—seriously consider this opportunity to be part of the process if you are so inclined!

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR JUNE 2019

Tuition statements will be coming out before the end of June. Our budget for 2019-2020 has been submitted to Alberta Education. Letters regarding tuition for next year and renewal forms for Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization Forms have been mailed out.

Please have the authorization forms for EFT back to the school before August 15th for the September run to be processed. If you have not done EFT's before and would like to do this, give me a call and I will get a form to you. I will be at the school part of July and most of August. If you need anything regarding tuition or EFT's give me a call at 403-782-4535 or via email at wbarnes@cachs.ca. Have a great summer!

Wendy Barnes  
Business Administrator

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## CAREER CORNER— JUNE 2019

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid: do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:19 This is the grad verse and it is a wonderful reminder and comfort as the grade 12's move forward to the next chapter in their life. It has been an amazing and wonderful year and I thank each of the graduating students for their contribution.

Part of my job entails asking the grade 12 students what they want to do after school. The weight of that question can be heavy as so many students are not sure about what they would like to do. Each student's journey through CACHS involves discovering who they are. Christian secondary education provides the opportunity to speak of how the Lord loves each one of us and wants us to grow in relationship with Him. Travelling with students as they wrestle with WHO they want to become and how they can shine forth God's light in all they do is a blessing.

I try to encourage each student to keep moving forward as they explore the interests, talents and skills God has given them. Thanks to each student for bringing insight, enthusiasm and joy to CACHS. May the Lord bless you and keep you in the days ahead!

Veronica Den Oudsten, Career Counselor

## LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to so many students, parents and society members that I have had the privilege of being part of your lives for, over the past 19 years. I hope I was able to open your mind and instill a love of reading. Thank you for helping me create a solid collection with your many donations. I've appreciated the opportunity to read many of the donated books and at the same time create a fiction collection I am very proud of.

As my time at CACHS has come to an end, I just want to say **"Thank you"** for the privilege of being able to spend time with your students.

Yvonne Reed, Librarian

## CACHS CATERING

CACHS Catering upcoming events:

- June 28—CACHS Grad—CACHS gym
- July 27—Giesbrecht/Bos wedding
- August 16—Stolk/Bruns wedding
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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.



### CACHS Catering:

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Received from a CACHS student last week:

Dear Teachers,

Before I begin, I would like to thank you for everything you do at Central Alberta Christian High School. You continue to lead us by setting a Christian example. I can imagine that teaching teenagers can be very trying at times. Because of your faith and evident desire to follow God, I know that I can come to you with issues such as this one.

As the weather gets warmer and we near the end of the year, I continue to see various breeches of dress code from students at CACHS. It causes me to ask questions about modesty: Does modesty matter? Whose responsibility is it to correct immodest dress? Am I concerned with modesty only because of a legalistic, judgmental, condemning, "holier-than-thou" attitude?

I understand the desire to be noticed that often goes along with the way we choose what we wear, but my conscience also warns me about what is right and wrong. The examples of those in my family, and the truth in scripture all convict me that modesty is an important issue. It matters to God, and it matters how we represent Christ to the world and to each other. I hope that my motives are pure in this matter, and that the teachers at CACHS will also hold me accountable for the way I dress and act.

I found this somewhat pointed article by Douglas Wilson to be helpful in thinking about modesty, especially on how the church/fathers/communities should address it practically. I hope that you will read it and find it edifying.

<https://dougwils.com/books-and-culture/s7-engaging-the-culture/an-apology-for-feminine-modesty.html>

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## GAS MOWER NEEDED

The CACHS Maintenance Committee is looking for the donation of a good used gas lawn mower. If you have one please contact Ted Vander Meulen at 403-885-4749.

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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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## CACHS ATHLETICS

Thank you to all the coaches, volunteers, parents, neighbors, cousins, uncles, aunts, and anyone else who helped us through another successful year of high school athletics at CACHS! Without your cheering, time, food, driving, and many more things we could not pursue a full range of athletic programming that allows students to develop their God given talents. Interscholastic high school sports are a big part of the fabric of our school and supporting community, and we encourage everyone to continue enjoying competition and sportsmanship in the future!



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Athletic Calendar:

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