

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:

January 29—Physics 30 diploma
January 30—Science 30 Diploma
January 31—Semester break—ski trip
Feb. 3 -- Second semester starts
- Final report card for first semester
Feb. 7—No Wolf Creek buses—Prairie buses run
Feb. 14—ASICA Teachers Convention—no school
Feb. 18—Family Day—no school
Feb. 19-21—No Wolf Creek buses—Prairie buses run
March 5—Swing into Spring fundraiser
March 21-29 —Spring Break

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PONDERINGS JANUARY 2020

“April is the cruelest month....”

Whoever wrote that clearly never lived in Alberta during the winter. We just emerged from a week in which the temperature bottomed out at a brutal minus 40 and windchill dropped it even further. Last night when I put my garbage out the snow was melting off the roof, and today I saw students walking to their vehicles in shirtsleeves. But it won't last. What are we to do? Nothing, of course—that's just what the weather does here from time to time. Just roll with it—there is nothing we can do about it.

Back to that line—who wrote it anyway? A dead poet name T.S. Eliot. It is found in his famous work *The Waste Land*. It reminds me that my teaching major is English, and every English teacher would know the answer to that one. It's an odd line. It would seem that he would be wrong even in England, where he lived. But of course, as every English students knows, nothing is exactly what it seems—it must be ANALYZED (I can already feel my second semester English 10 students groaning).

I was taught that what he meant was that even though life stirs in the April (May for Alberta) soil, we will soon be disappointed. Nothing really changes. Plants become green, the birds return, baby animals are born. Hope leaps up. Our spirits momentarily soar. All things appear new. But below that, the essential problems remain.

I just passed another birthday marker and realize that I am closing in on the big six-o. It's a new year. So much has changed since my career began, much of it good. And much of it not. When I reflect a bit, I'm not sure the world has really changed at all, nor have I. And why not? The answer is quite simple, I think—I (we) don't want to. We are quite satisfied with who we are, thank you very much.

Eliot lamented the spiritual state of the western world, and I think if he were still alive he would conclude that he had been right to do so. As Christians we should not be too quick to judge, however. The renewal the world needs is the same renewal we must seek daily as well. When I think of my own sinful inclinations I see patterns that are long set. I just can't seem to break them. The new year has begun, but am I renewed?

The year 2020, I am sure, will again be one in which I will be reminded of my

wretched state—that what is really wrong with the world is me. I am thankful that I am part of a school and faith community rooted in the conviction that only Christ can call us back to life, and He does this daily. “Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation....” (2 Cor. 7:10). Deep comfort in these cold, dark days.

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 2 Timothy 1:7 encourage you at this time, “For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.”

Here are a few agenda items from our board meeting on January 13.

- We approved to purchase new office software which will allow us to electronically file student records and is compatible with Alberta Education.
- We approved a music club under the supervision of Shalyn Lindballe.
- Swing into Spring Fundraiser: mark your calendars for March 5, 2020 and join us for our annual dinner along with dessert and wood shop auction.
- The board and staff are looking forward to an evening of food and games on January 29th.
- 10 students are interested in the Europe Trip 2021 to Berlin, Prague, Krakow and Budapest. We are hoping tfora total of 25 including adults and chaperones.
- The Fall Drive has raised \$91,971.25 at the end of December towards our goal of \$125,000.
- Thank you to those who have filled out surveys for our principal’s review. PCCE is reviewing them and coming for a two-day onsite visit on January 22 and 23 and in-person conversations.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 24th. Feel free to contact one of us if you have any questions or concerns.

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Max Lucado has written a book called Cure for the Common Life. It is an excellent book 'helping you discover how your ability unveils your destiny....and how to find your uncommon call to an uncommon life.' One suggestion he makes is: "Every day do something you don't want to do. Doesn't have to be a big thing. Helen Keller once said that when she was young she had longed to do great things and could not, so she decided to do small things in a great way. Don't be too big to do something small. Throw yourselves into the work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for him is a waste of time or effort." (1 Cor. 15:58)

As we finish up our first semester, students might have some questions in regards to the classes they are taking second semester. Many post secondary institutions have varying prerequisites and recommended classes so it is important to check out any schools that might be interesting. Colleges and Universities will be having open houses or student for a day programs running for the next two months so this is the time to travel to a campus that might be an option.

The CACHS Scholarship applications will be made available to our students sometime in March. Students that are planning to attend a post secondary institution this fall should be applying soon, and/or working with the school of their choice closely to make sure that they meet financial need/scholarship application dates.

I am at the school on Monday and Wednesday, and available by appointment most other days.

Veronica Den Oudsten
Career Counselor



Save the Date

Swing into Spring

Dinner and Dessert Auction Fundraiser

Thursday, March 5, 2020

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EUROPE TRIP—MARCH 2021

We are starting to get our group together for our trip to Berlin, Prague, Krakow, and Budapest in March 2021. Those that sign up before the end of January will save \$200 on their trip. And be entered to win one of two \$100 discounts. If you are interested in more information on the trip, or would like to sign up, please contact Mr. Eggink (teggink@cachs.ca or 403-782-4535). All Grade 10, 11 & 12 students who will be at CACVHS next school year (i.e., 2020-2021) are welcome to join us on this trip. We would like to have our group signed up as soon as possible to lock in our tour guide, price and ensure we get our own tour bus.

CACHS CATERING

CACHS Catering is looking forward to serving you again in the upcoming year with our home style cooking and dessert buffets. We do this to raise funds to support CACHS to cover extra expenses for the students and school. Please consider us when you are choosing your caterer for your event.



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For each event quite a few helping hands are needed. From booking the event, figuring out the grocery list, purchasing the groceries, preparing the food, serving and doing dishes we are usually needing about 15-20 helpers over the span of 2-3 days. If you like grocery shopping, making desserts or salads or cooking, you are welcome to participate. It takes a lot of phoning to find this many willing helpers. Whether you want to volunteer for one event we need you, or if you would like to be involved as a committee member, please talk to one of the committee members to find out what is involved and how much fun we have! We learn a lot from each other in the process.

To book your date call Emma Den Oudsten at 403-782-2657. For volunteering to help with serving and dishes please call Frances Vander Wekken at 403-782-3327.

Upcoming events for CACHS Catering are:

- March 5 - Swing into Spring at CACHS gym

ATHLETICS

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Athletic Calendar is available on the school's website.
Come cheer on our teams!

Feb. 7—GBB tournament—Hanna

Feb. 10—GBB & BBB—Koinonia at CACHS

Feb. 12—GBB & BBB—Bentley at CACHS

Feb. 19—GBB—CACHS @ LCHS JV

Feb. 21—BBB 7 GBB tournament—Stettler

Feb. 24—GBB & BB playoffs - Round 1

Feb 26—GBB & BBB playoffs—Round 2

March 2—GBB & BBB Playoffs—Round 3

March 13 & 14—GBB & BBB Zone tournament

March 19 & 20—Provincial Basketball tournaments



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