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WELCOME TO OUR NEW ALUMNI

Class of 2018

Kiara Abma
 Matthew Baong
 Steven Dalhuisen
 Caitlin Debree
 Sharissa Dijkstra
 Megan Dykman
 Leah Ebens
 Elijah Funkhouser
 Kyiera Heltman
 Kurtis Hulsman
 Gareth Johnston
 Isaac Kingma
 Cale Kooyman
 Audrey Linker
 Grady McLeod
 Emily Nieuwland
 Hillary Prins
 Dylan Raimbault



Keegan Raimbault	Keith Tenbrinke	Justin Verveda
David Rodenburg	Cassie Van Gelderen	Landon Vink
Matthew Shaw	Hannah van Iperen	Carmen Vogel
Aysha Spelt	Jeremy Vander Meulen	Evan Wiersma
Dylan Tenbrinke	Reuben Vanderlinde	

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Shalyn Lindballe



I know many of you are reading this because you'd like to get to know the "new math teacher" at CACHS. I am a very open, passionate person who just happens to also know a thing or two about mathematics. Oh, and I'm 100% not Dutch.

I'm not from Lacombe or Central Alberta. To be honest, I was not even aware that Lacombe was a place until I met a group of people from CACHS at University, and even they sometimes just said they were from the Red Deer area. I left Athabasca when I was 17 and moved about every 2-8 months ever since. This past year, especially, there were a few places that I moved into where I did not even bother to unpack my suitcase. When strangers were making small talk and asking where I was from, I felt like I did not have an answer for them. Where is home? I honestly felt like I didn't have one. I was just another face passing through whatever place I just happened to be at during that specific time.

My wandering was my own doing. When it comes to major life decisions, like where to live, I make these choices with my heart. Sometimes I was able to justify my decision with logic but sometimes I moved simply because I felt like I was being called to go somewhere else. No matter where I ended up, looking back I can always see how God was using me and how He was always there to help me through every circumstance.

Moving to Lacombe was also a decision made by my heart. God has blessed me with incredible relationships and perspective that will allow me to continue to do His work in the Lacombe community as He continues to work within me. I don't really know what all of this will look like yet, but I do know that this is exactly where I'm supposed to be and this wanderer is so content (and partly relieved) to call this place home.

Class of 2008– 10 year Reunion



Back Row from L to R:

Tyler Tenbrinke, Scott Rypstra, Scott Lesher, Travis Ebens, Greg Thalen, Nick Kuipers, Dale Stolte, Jan van de Brake, Arjan Dominicus, Bowen TenHove

Second Row from L to R:

Samantha Steenberg (Eggink), Christine Walls (Van Gelderen), Janelle Winkelaar (Overeem), Jessica Kochendorfer (Bennik), Cassie Postma (Vanderwekken), Madelyn Scholing (deRegt), Metty Attema (van de Brake), Maria Wierenga (Span), Miriam Cameron (DenOudsten)

Third Row from L to R:

Trevor Ellens, Ben Steenberg, Candace VanEedenPetersman (Makkinga), Emily Salomons, Carlee vande Kraats (Mulder),

Front Row from L to R:

Brandon Buit, Trent Scholing

The Class of '08 reunited this past summer at Carlee vande Kraats' (Mulder) house. They had a great turn out with 26 alumni (class of 54 students).



ALUMNI STORIES

Melanie Foley (Meyer) *alumna 1993*

Has it really been 25 years—already? Where did the time go? I have a hard time even acknowledging that it has been a quarter of a century since I graduated way back in 1993. I have been told by my children that I am one of the “old people” because all the girls had poofy hair and the boys wore weird shirts in all the pictures. (I have no idea what they are talking about.) But no matter how the years fly by or how old I look or get, I will always have fond memories of my years at CACHS and I love nothing better than catching up with former classmates, friends and staff! There is certainly something unique and special about being from a smaller school where 25 years later, you can still remember all your classmates names and at least one story about them from high school.

Following graduation, I worked and went to school to get my administrative and legal assistant diplomas. Although I was happy at the time to complete those programs, they were not overly challenging and so I headed off to Edmonton and Kings University College. I decided to pursue a degree in Education but did not complete it, which has turned out to be one of my biggest regrets. I worked at a variety of jobs but my favorites were always waitressing because I enjoyed chatting with people (I guess some things don’t ever really change!)

In 1999, I married my husband Mat. He is originally from the Ottawa area and currently works as a site superintendent for Scott Builders. We have 2 boys, Tristyn (18) and Gage (14), and one girl, Haivyn (11). Tristyn graduated last year and hopes to continue his welding apprenticeship, Gage is in Grade 9 and enjoys lacrosse and video games and Haivyn is in Grade 6 and spends her free time learning gymnastics and doing art. Both Gage and Haivyn currently attend Lacombe Christian School.

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After our kids were born, I focused my time and energy on raising our family but soon came to discover that being a mom can be a lonely job at times and so I worked with 2 local churches to start a MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) program. While the program has had some changes along the way, including a name change here in Lacombe, the Momtime program is still running out of the Wolf Creek church every Thursday and I still love it and once again assist with leading it. I also volunteer at our church (Crossroads) in the children and infant programs and wherever else I may be needed.

As my children get older, I look forward to working more and exploring new interests and opportunities. I have recently worked as the Acting Returning Officer for Elections Canada and also work for Elections Alberta. (All the hours in Mr. Hoekstra’s social class have finally paid off!) I also enjoy my seasonal job at Aspen Greenhouses, getting involved in the community and going to my kids sporting events where I can’t help but get a little nostalgic remembering the good old days when I once played.

As I think back to my years at CACHS, a catchy little slogan I heard on a children’s TV program when my kids were young seems to describe it perfectly. Small is powerful. While attempting to write something here, I went back to the alumni pages to read the amazing stories others had written along the way and it struck me that small really is powerful. CACHS is not large in size but by the grace of God, its reach here and abroad is powerful. The graduating classes may be humble in number yet the difference graduates have made in the world is mighty. The staff may be few in number but the impact they make in shaping students and their future is remarkable. Small is powerful also applies to our faith, our future and our memories and the brief 3 years spent at CACHS play an integral role in shaping each of those pieces. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to attend CACHS; to meet the people and create the friendships I did, to be both encouraged and challenged academically and spiritually and to be involved in a strong and supportive community. Although it has already been 25(+) years, I am eager to see what God has in store for all of us in the next 25!



MIKE VANDEGLIND, *ALUMNUS 1999*



Almost 20 years have gone by since my high school graduation. I have fond memories of my relaxing spares, interesting history classes, and going to basketball provincials. A lot has changed in my life since my graduation day. Soon after, I met my beautiful wife Janet and we got married in 2002. God has blessed us with four wonderful boys: Benjamin (13), Anthony (11), Zachary (8), and Luke (5). We currently live in Lacombe and attend The Woody Nook Christian Reformed Church. Our boys go to Lacombe Christian School.

Farming has always been my passion. After high school, I worked on a cow dairy for a few years and in 2002 I began working for a hog farmer. In 2004, I went back to work on the family hog farm and in 2008 we transitioned from hogs to milking goats. We sold the goats in 2011 and bought a house in Lacombe. I began working at Lucky Hill Dairy where I have been employed for the last seven years. My favourite

part about farming is working with the animals.

My hobbies and interests have changed since my time on the CACHS basketball team. I still enjoy watching sports; however, I now enjoy ball hockey, badminton, backpacking, and spending time with my family. Last year, as a family, we took a two week trip to Holland where we visited relatives and toured around. In September, I took my boys backpacking to Kinglet Lake. I also enjoy watching my kids play sports and cheering for Janet when she does her triathlons and running races.

Looking back, I believe that my time at CACHS prepared me for the future. My learning experiences were taught from a Christian perspective, which gave me respect for God's creation. I am always in awe of God's creation during my backpacking trips to the mountains. My learning experiences at CACHS also taught me to respect my friends, family, acquaintances, and those I work with. I am thankful for my past and I pray that God will continue to watch over me in the years to come.

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Alumni Volleyball Tournament

December 21-22, 2018

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Would you like to write an update for the CACHS Connection?

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~Cindy Ekkel

ROSANNE BANGMA (DROST), CLASS OF 2004

When I graduated from CACHS in 2004 I continued to work for Lacombe County (which was my Work Experience position in grade 12) until December 2004. I then attended RDC for one semester taking early childhood development, but decided that was not for me. In the spring of 2005 I had no idea what I wanted to do, but had the idea to volunteer at Lacombe hospital. I ended my interview with a job as a Health Care Aide (HCA). I worked in this field for about a year, and then got my HCA diploma specializing in geriatrics. I worked two more years in Lacombe Long Term Care and then worked two years on Unit B in acute care, where they also have two palliative care suites. I really enjoyed my job there.

In the spring of 2006 I reconnected with Devon Bangma (CACHS alumni of 2005) and we started dating. Devon was working on his apprenticeship as a welder and was currently working at Walkers Holdings in Red Deer. We were engaged 8 months later and married in November 2007. We bought a tiny little house in Ponoka and lived there for about a year. We didn't feel like Ponoka was our home, and moved back to my old stomping grounds by Bentley (where we are currently still residing). Devon finished his last year of his apprenticeship and I continued to work. Devon started working for Pro-Line Manufacturing in Blackfalds and we welcomed our first son Lucas (9) in the fall of 2009. I fully embraced the joys of motherhood and we welcomed our daughter Kinley (6) in 2012. Devon had the opportunity to work on my family farm in 2014. We moved a modular home onto my parent's farm and gave farming a go. I found a great opportunity to work in our small town pharmacy and learn a new trade of Pharmacy Assistant where I worked two days a week. During this time, with much surprise, we found out we would be welcoming another son, Joshua to our family. On October 2, 2016 we learned that he was not meant for this earth, and joined our Heavenly Father. Our hearts were shattered, but our faith remained steadfast in God. In early 2017 Devon and I decided farming was not our passion, and he went back to welding at Pro-Line Manufacturing. We welcomed our last daughter Anna to our family in July 2018. Lucas and Kinley attend Lacombe Christian School in grades 4 and 1 respectively. We love the community around this school, and are so thankful that we have the opportunity to give our children the same faith based education we had.



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Our time at CACHS was filled with many memories and building lasting friendships. We enjoyed the teachers, and the close knit community. We are both so thankful that we could receive a Christian education. I still think back fondly on my memories of the France trip, and would love to one day take Devon to experience the culture and beauty of France as well. Hard to believe in 6 short years our son will be walking the halls of CACHS!



INDUSTRIAL ARTS

On April 24, 2018, CACHS broke ground on a historic new part of the campus- a building for Industrial Arts. With a time frame of just over 4 months, Eagle Builders set to work right away, and walls went up quickly. There was excitement watching the changes take place, and soon, most of us knew that the best vantage point was from Room 104. And, sometimes it was so loud that classes were moved to the other side of the school.

In August, tools were moved in and set up, and the classroom arranged.

On September 6, the first full class was held. There are 12 students in this semesters construction class, taught by Mr. Darrell Stang. Next semester, there are over 25 signed up to take Mechanics with Mr. Nick DenOudsten.



From L to R:

Peter Hoekstra, Sean Folkerts, Travis Eggink, Mayor Grant Creasey, Dennis Haan, MLA Ron Orr, Lennard Vander Schee, Darrell Stang, Sue Stang



The first class with their teacher, Mr. Darrell Stang, and Mr. Peter Hoekstra (Principal)



On Monday, October 22, 2018, we hosted an Open House for all those who wanted to see the new building. Over 250 people came for the BBQ, and if you look closely, you'll see Jack Vanden Pol.

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CACHS Catering is a group of dedicated volunteers who raise funds to purchase items for the school and has helped the school purchase computers, SMART boards, and sports team uniforms. Purchasing these necessary items helps keep the cost of tuition down.

CACHS Catering provides a catering service for many functions, please contact Emma at 403-782-2657 for your booking today!

