

NEWSLETTER

April 2020
Vol XXVII No VII

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:

- April 2—First report card of
Second semester
- April 6 & 7—grad pictures
(postponed)
- Graduation
- to be determined

PONDERINGS APRIL 2020

If you have never had a chance to drive the length of Highway 40 south through Kananaskis Country, you've missed out. The scenery is beautiful, and as the road heads eastward, you descend into a town with one of the prettiest locations in Alberta (Canada). The name of that town is Longview. As I type, I recall driving that stretch and stopping there for supper. The view alone is indeed worth the drive.

As I look out my office window I see a very different view—the parking lot bathed in sunlight but covered with fresh snow. The branches of the trees adjacent indicate a brisk wind, and my phone tells me it is minus 15 without the wind chill. Ouch. I will go home soon and cocoon while COVID-19 and our reaction to it disrupts lives in ways we have never experienced. I can't wait till summer when this will all be past us. Maybe we'll take a drive to Longview....

It is natural to become wistful and wish for things to normalize, but that doesn't really help matters. All of us are experiencing some level of upheaval. "Non-essential" businesses have been required to close. Many have been laid off indefinitely and are self-isolating. How will online learning go? When will graduation take place? So many questions, so much uncertainty. Were things ever this bad? Well, yes, actually.

I often think about the struggles of my paternal grandparents. They started and raised a family during the Great Depression and the Second World War. They lived through the Nazi occupation of Holland, during which my grandfather joined the resistance and went into hiding, leaving my grandmother to cope as best she could. In 1951 they immigrated to Alberta, starting from scratch, building homes, new churches and Christian schools (while enduring weather they could hardly believe). Things often failed to go as planned. They faced hardships I can only imagine. How did they do it? I'm not entirely sure.

I admire the kind of people my grandparents were. Were they the kind of people who had been beaten down by life? Hardly! They were cheerful, energetic and optimistic. They rarely if ever complained, and never felt sorry for themselves. I recall they could be sad when they talked about a friend or relative who passed away—tears could and would well up. But it never lasted. On to the next thing—come over for soup and buns after church. Bring your friend!

Thinking about them gives me some perspective, the kind that helps me cope with today. I don't need all the answers. Living in the here and now, I need to take the "long view" and know that One is in control.

Pete Hoekstra
Principal

22 Eagle Road
Lacombe, AB T4L 1G7
Phone—403-782-4535
Fax—403-782-5425
Email—office@cachs.ca
www.cachs.ca

Principal—Peter Hoekstra
Vice-Principal - Travis Eggink
Secretary—Ann Oudman
Business Administrator—
Jacki Talsma
Record keeper/Assistant
Receptionist—Candace
Slomp

BOARD NOTES

The Swing into Spring dinner raised \$43,500. It was nice to socialize with supporters from Ponoka, Rimbey, Lacombe and Red Deer; we are blessed with such a generous community! Thank you to all the table sponsors, those who made and purchased desserts and the shop class for the beautiful wooden centerpieces. A big thank you to the development committee for organizing the evening! "Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!" Psalm 133:1

Gayle Monsma, from PCCE, attended our last board meeting to go over the leadership review that was done on our Principal, Pete Hoekstra. Pete's relationship with students, board and staff are commendable. The Board and Education Committee alongside Pete are making plans to improve on a few areas but overall, the review was very positive. Thank you to all parents and students for taking time to fill out the surveys.

The board approved the Math-15 curriculum. It is a remedial math course, formerly RTI math, in which the student can earn 3 credits.

Phil, Hennie and Brian are finishing their school board terms at the end of this school year. We are in the process of finding three new board members to serve at CACHS. Please prayerfully consider using your gifts at CACHS. At this time, the board would like to thank all our committee members who give of their time and gifts to serve on our various committees and help make the school run smoothly.

Our school year at CACHS has drastically changed due to coronavirus! We ask that you pray for each staff member, student and parent as we all adjust to school at home. These last two weeks have been quiet at our home and I have had time to see just how busy our family has become with work, sports, church and school commitments. I have often thought of the last newsletter, where Pete wrote, "I feel Christian families would do well to maintain the ritual of eating, reading Scripture, and praying together daily. It is, after all, the home that is best equipped to cultivate and reflect God's love and pass faith to the next generation, and therefore bears the greatest responsibility in carrying out these tasks." May we all reflect on what is important for our families to be busy with.

Our Val Ingwersen
Board Secretary

CACHS Board Members 2019/2020

Chairperson -

Steve Wildeboer
403-597-4510
boardchair@cachs.ca

Vice Chair—

Hendrik deGier
403-704-5006
finance2@cachs.ca

Secretary—

Val Ingwersen
403-877-4541
secretary@cachs.ca

Treasurer—

Phil Tenbrinke
403-782-7951
finance@cachs.ca

Maintenance— Fred Baong

403-782-5031
maintenance@cachs.ca

Development—

Hennie van de Brake
403-782-5295
development@cachs.ca

Education—

Brian Bajema
403-392-4910
education@cachs.ca

Education—

Cindy Ekkel
403-396-3621
education2@cachs.ca

CAREER CORNER

"The hidden will become visible.... If we have faith that a divine plan is being revealed in all the events of this world, this is our one certainty, that when the clouds begin to lift and we are able to see plainly what had happened, we shall also realize that every other kingdom has been shattered or obscured, but that the one kingdom which is to come is the kingdom of God's love which appeared to us in the cross of Christ. (J.H. Bavinck)

As we navigate this new approach to learning I marvel at the importance of connection. Face to face interactions whether it be through people coming to our school, or our students travelling somewhere to find out about opportunities has ceased. Most information has been available online, but it is never the same as finding out about things first hand.

I will be phoning all the students to talk to them. It is not the same as sitting down with them, but because relationships have been developed over our time together at school I look forward to valuable conversations. If you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the school Mondays and Wednesdays.

Veronica Den Oudsten
Career Counselor

JUNIOR HIGH VISITS

We are putting together information packages and a video introducing current Grade 9 students to CACHS. Information packages—including a school calendar, course selection sheet, handbooks and other pertinent information—will be sent out by May 1st. Parents and prospective students are encouraged to call or email the school to set up a meeting with Mr. Eggink or Mr. Hoekstra regarding attending CACHS in September. This spring we are hoping to meet with all current grade 9 students of Rimbey Christian School, Ponoka Christian School and Lacombe Christian school through video conference or telephone call.

OUTDOORS CLUB

We had to cancel our overnight board and ski trip to Sunshine Village and Lake Louise ski resorts, but are hopeful to return to school in time to enjoy an overnight mountain hike in June!

EUROPE TRIP—MARCH 2021

In the face of COVID-19 there have been some questions regarding our Central Europe trip in March 2021. Our tour company EF has given us assurance that at this time our trip is a go, and there is no reason to think otherwise. If you have made payments, then please continue making payments towards your trip. EF has given out vouchers and delayed trips for thousands of travelers who are missing their trips this spring. If you are interested in our trip next spring then please feel free to contact Mr. Eggink at the school (teggink@cachs.ca or 403-782-4535). All grade 10, 11, and 12 students who will be at CACHS next school year (i.e. 2020-21) are welcome to join us on this trip!

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.



CACHS Catering:

Emma Den Oudsten
- 403-782-2657
Jennette Oosterink
- 780-372-2130
Rosemary Vander
Ploeg
- 403-783-5217
Clase van Iperen
- 403-396-3708

We are willing to work with special dietary needs. We have a tasty menu list available, and are open to your personal wishes. Our price for 2020 will remain low at \$22/plate, which includes your needs for dinner, dessert, coffee and juice. **THE FULL MEAL DEAL!!**

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 have been cancelled for the time being.

ATHLETICS

Follow us on:

Facebook: Central Alberta Christian High School

Instagram: cachsknights

Twitter @CACHS-Knights

At this time all events including drop in badminton have been cancelled.



Please support our Sponsors

If you would like to place your business ad in our monthly newsletter, please contact Ann at the school at 403-782-4535.

Cost is \$10/month.



Daniel Luymes, CPA, CA
Senior Manager
BDO Canada LLP
dluymes@bdo.ca

5820B Highway 2A
Lacombe AB T4L 2G5
Canada
Tel: 403 782 3361
Fax: 403 782 3070
www.bdo.ca

BDO Canada LLP, a Canadian limited liability partnership, is a member of BDO International Limited, a UK company limited by guarantee.

Dunc's Septic Tank Services (2017) Ltd

For Success, choose the best!

Ruben Rodenburg

Owner

RR#3 Site 15 Box 9 Ponoka
T4J 1R3

403-783-3135. (For emergency call; 403-340-9240)

duncsseptic2017@gmail.com

www.duncsseptic90.wixsite.com/website



Jason Vander Woerd
403.304.3887

RR#4 Lacombe, AB. T4L 2N4
jason@drakeex.ca
www.drakeex.ca

DRAKE EXCAVATING CO

Your Quality Excavating Solution

Quality Pre-Owned Items

- Clothing
- Books
- Household Items
- Sporting Goods
- Toys
- Furniture
- Footwear

Building Blocks Thrift Store

782-9511

5111 - 50th Avenue
In Beautiful Lacombe, Alberta T4L 1K4

(along the main street, across from the Royal Bank)
(drop-off bin located behind building across from Sunny FM)

STELLARWOOD

Developments Inc.

"Quality and Professionalism
are Our Standards"

Pete Walls

Phone: 403-588-0856
Box 5901, Lacombe, AB T4L 1X4
Email: stellarwooddev@gmail.com

MARY KAY®

HILJE R. FEITSMA

Independent Sales Director

Box 4416
Ponoka, AB T4J 1R7
403-783-6000
403-783-0381
hfeitsma@xplornet.com
www.marykay.ca/hfeitsma



Joni's Collection

Specialized in children's clothing from
newborn to size 10

RR#3 Site 15 Box 9
T4J 1R3 Ponoka, AB
403-704-4062

joniscollection63@gmail.com

Open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 PM till 5:00 PM



TALSMA'S
PLUMBING & HEATING LTD.

Claire Talsma
403-782-4564 (H) | 403-872-1108 (C)
cctalsma@gmail.com

LUYMES LUMBER
"Custom Sawing"



Phone: (403) 782-2572 Fax: (403) 782-2572



**PATIO
GARDENS**

Annuals Perennials Vegetables Trees Shrubs
Greenhouse/Garden Center

403 782-0888
patiogardensltd@gmail.com



PO Box 5777
Lacombe AB T4L 1X3



General
Est. 1972
APPLIANCES

6010 Highway 2A North Lacombe, AB T4L 2G5
Phone: 403-782-3735 Fax: 403-782-7011
www.generalappliances.ca



Garth Pol, CGA

Ph: 403-782-9600
Fax: 403-782-9665
Cell: 403-350-8378

gpolcga@telus.net

5014 - 50th Avenue
Lacombe, AB T4L 2L1

**CERTIFIED GENERAL
ACCOUNTANT**

"Making Business Work For You"



LACOMBE
SIGNMASTERS
LTD.
SIGNS GRAPHICS
www.signmasters.ca
403-782-7446
Custom Signage
From Design to Completion
Terry & Donna Vandeborn

ROCK 'N' WOOD

CREATIONS

Mike Oudman

403.391.2515
michaeloudman@yahoo.ca
rocknwoodcreations.ca

Landscaping,
Custom Rock
& Woodwork

WILSON'S
FUNERAL CHAPEL & CREMATORIUM
Family Focused. Remembering Those We Love.

ALEX VAN GEEST
Owner / Manager

RIMBEY
Box 1555, 4937 - 49 Avenue
Rimbey, Alberta T0C 2J0
403-843-3388 (T)
403-843-4300 (F)

LACOMBE
6120 Highway 2A
Lacombe, Alberta T4L 2G5
403-782-3366 (T)
403-782-7075 (F)

WFCHAPEL@GMAIL.COM

Your Community Dental Clinic
We are accepting new patients
403.782.3755



LACOMBE
DENTAL CLINIC



EDGE
MARKETING & DESIGN



Web Design



Graphic Design



Marketing

403.789.3343

info@edgemarketing.ca

www.edgemarketing.ca



Jason Cappis

Master Electrician

(403) 373-0765

Jason@CJEnergy.ca

Farms, Residential, Commercial,
Oilfield, Green Energy

CJ ENERGY

FARMS • RANCHES • ACREAGES • COMMERCIAL



Nick Leshner
ASSOCIATE

✉ nicklesher@remax.net
nick@lesherrealestate.com

🌐 nicklesher.com

☎ 403.318.2930



CREAM OF THE "CROP"

Setting Your Memories In Stone

RAILSIDE†
monument & stone design

Bernie & Teresa TenHove

Family Owned and Operated

403.352.6444

railsideent@gmail.com

RR 1 Site 3 Box 11
Lacombe, AB T4L 2N1