

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:

September 1

—First day of school

September 19— Tentative
date for graduation (see
note elsewhere)

PONDERINGS JUNE 2020

“The new normal” is everywhere these days. I was in a local business yesterday and the proprietor shared with me his fear that he might be required to conduct business in perpetuity from behind a plexiglass shield. He promised to resist this in some way if it were to become a requirement. He also shared his weariness with the vocabulary shift caused by the pandemic—the catchphrases and clichés that have embedded themselves in our daily conversations. I was inclined to agree, and like him, I share his desire for things to get back to “normal”.

But what is normal anyway? What do we hope will be in effect for our schools come September? We are immersed in thoughts of distancing, rotating schedules, sanitizer, facemasks and more. I think it is time to mentally shift away from our obsession with the virus and return to our larger vision of what school is and ought to be. This school has always sought to embed its daily practice in the context of a larger vision rooted in Scripture. It has always been an anomaly. It exists to challenge the status quo. I am reminded through my involvement on the AISCA Board that the landscape of education in Alberta is vibrant, dynamic and exciting. Independent schools, though representative of a relatively small percentage of Alberta schools, are growing at twice the rate of fully funded public schools. This trend speaks to a desire for change in our existing institutions that is being expressed by an ever-growing number of parents who are willing to commit significant time and resources to their children

It would seem that the change in the air in education is one our supporting community was on to long ago. I believe that a proactive, energetic approach to schooling is rooted in a Reformed approach to life as a whole. Jesus demands everything of us – we must surrender everything to Him. When we return to normal, we will once again face the challenges of running a school founded on incarnate Truth. The challenges will continue in this deeply countercultural endeavour, but we know that He will prevail. The blessings He promises if we remain faithful will always sustain us. That is the eternal “normal” we can count on.

On behalf of all at CACHS, I wish you a blessed summer.

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BOARD NOTES

Due mainly to the arrival of COVID-19, this school year has been one of challenge and change, but the Lord continues to bless us abundantly. We want to thank each student and family for your patience and support while learning at home. The board would like to thank the teachers for all their hard work teaching their courses online. Next year, we will be offering computer programming, music, and a special needs program. Christine Baltzer has been hired for the position of special needs teacher/coordinator at CACHS for the school year 2020/21.

This spring, the board has made a few important policy changes. The membership and structure of the Maintenance Committee has been updated to meet the needs of the school. The committee consists of our Principal (Pete Hoekstra) and/or Vice Principal (Travis Eggink), Business Administrator (Jacki Talsma), Maintenance Personnel (Kevin Makkinga) and our Maintenance Board Representative (Pete Heidelberg). Thank you to Ted Vander Meulen, Stuart Wiersma, Brent Talsma, Fred Baong, Ann Oudman and Kevin Reed for their work on this committee in the past. We want to thank all our committee members and volunteers who serve at CACHS. Our enrollment policy has been updated. The main addition is that first time parents/guardians of students transferring in from another school, including LCS, RCS and PCS, will be interviewed by representatives of the board prior to board approval of application.

Thirty four society members joined the Spring Society meeting via Zoom on May 14, 2020. Society approved the following members for terms on the board: Werner Brouwer, Pete Heidelberg and Annette Roseboom for three year terms. Hennie van de Brake will serve for one more year.

It is our prayer that you may have a relaxing summer break and that we are able to have students learning at CACHS in September. Grad is planned for Saturday, September 19. Keep in mind at this point it is still tentative since we do not know what/when government directives will come down pertaining to social events in September and school openings. Our next board meeting is scheduled for August 24th. 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 26, 2020.

"And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

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Conversations with students are much different on the phone or online. It is more difficult to get in depth about future plans and ideas when there is physical distance. I look forward to the day when I can talk in person to each student about their courses and where they think they will be in the future.

Timothy Keller writes in his book *"Every Good Endeavor"*: "In the Christian view, the way to find your calling is to look at the way you were created. Your gifts have not emerged by accident, but because the Creator gave them to you. But what if you're not at the point of running in the Olympics or leading on a world stage? What if you're struggling under an unfair boss or a tedious job that doesn't take advantage of all your gifts? It's liberating to accept that God is fully aware of where you are at any moment and that by serving the work you've been given you are serving Him."

As we continue to strive to do God's will in our lives, I pray for each of the students as they discover their gifts.

Veronica Den Oudsten
Career Counselor

GRAD 2020 UPDATE

It's difficult not to become a little tired of the phrase, "Due to COVID-19, this event has been.....". However, CACHS graduation plans, like so many other planned events, were completely disrupted. Nothing about grad 2020 will be like any other and for that reason alone will be particularly memorable. The annual grad trip to the mountains was cancelled, and graduation portraits will be done in the gym on the 15th and 16th of June. A graduation ceremony and banquet are **tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 19th, 2020**. Details will be provided as available. We do not know what regulations and guidelines will be rolled out, including timelines, so stay tuned!

Theme: Grow Through What You Go Through
Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:13

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.

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!!



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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 have been cancelled for the time being.

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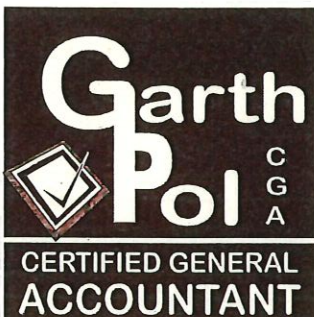


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