

# 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:

October 9

- No School
- Staff collaboration

October 12

- Thanksgiving—no school

October 20

- Career Day - pm only

October 22/23

- PCCE Teachers convention

October 27

- Picture retakes

## PONDERINGS SEPTEMBER 2020

This is a strange September – the only one I have experienced that was “in doubt”. Will we have school? Thankfully, the answer to that question was “yes”. Students and teachers are together again in a physical classroom – a truly wonderful thing and an answer to prayer.

So many articles were written about education in the past half year. Most, of course, had to do with the pandemic in some way. How would students’ health and learning be affected? What would prove to be the most effective response? This issue has yet to come to closure, even as it becomes increasingly clear that the virus poses virtually no threat to the school age population.

In my view, a much more interesting topic was explored in an article in the *Edmonton Journal* in June. It addressed the topic of school resource officers. Many school jurisdictions partner with local police to address problems of violence and sexual abuse, substance abuse, property offences and community issues by having a police officer present on site. SRO’s attempt to provide a positive police presence to support school attempts to mitigate the negative effect of these very real problems.

The part of the article that caught my eye was a comment made by one officer pertaining to school violence. “I have two faith-based schools that I find I’m not called there even a fraction of the time I am for other schools. I’m trying to figure out why that is.” The officer is not personally religious. Supporters of our schools ought not to be surprised by these observations. If we are grounded in a faith that claims all areas of life for Christ and demands meaningful action, it follows that the results would manifest. And they do! Year in and out our schools score high on our AERRs – a provincial “report card” all schools and authorities receive. One category consistently shows that our schools consistently exceed the provincial average in the area of “safe and caring”.

I find it sad that other articles and opinion pieces denigrate independent schools. We are often accused of being elitist and subversive. I believe supporters of faith-based schools must use the facts provided by accountability documents and other objective evidence to defend and promote our cause. Although we are not immune to societal problems, the evidence has consistently shown that our Lord blesses our efforts to honour Him in ways that are beneficial to our students and society at large.

The Board, administration and staff at CACHS covet your prayers as we carry out our mandate in the year ahead. May we be a beacon of hope in a world so much in need of Christ’s presence. Article link: <http://edmontonjournal.com/news/local-news/study-details-alberta-sros-attitudes-toward-violence-in-schools>

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## BOARD NOTES

Welcome to a new school year at CACHS; we are so grateful to have students in the hallways after a LONG summer break! "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34

God has blessed our school with 71 students this year. We welcome 23 new high school students in Grade 10, 33 students in Grade 11, and 15 students in Grade 12. Members of the board met with the new families enrolling at CACHS over the summer. The visits were well received and we were pleased to hear of the importance of Christian education for our children.

Graduation was celebrated this past weekend and although it was 'socially distanced', it was nonetheless a great event! We wish each graduate the Lord's blessings in all He has planned for you.

The library has been renovated into a learning commons with fewer book shelves and more open space for resource teaching and a student hang out area. We want to commend Darryl Stang, the Den Oudstens, Brad Zakaluzny and Travis Eggink for their vision and hard work organizing this to be done and also all the volunteers who came out to help. The space is intended to be used by our newly hired special needs teacher/coordinator, Christine Baltzer. She has moved into the office in the back of the library.

Our next board meeting is scheduled for September 28th. Feel free to contact one of us if you have any questions or concerns.

Val Ingwersen  
Board Secretary

### CACHS Wear now available to order with a new logo!

Now is the time to order your CACHS wear and show your school spirit! An order form is attached to this newsletter if you are interested in ordering. Completed forms may be handed into the office or emailed to [developmentdirector@cachs.ca](mailto:developmentdirector@cachs.ca). Cheques can be made payable to CACHS and e-transfers can be sent to [business@cachs.ca](mailto:business@cachs.ca) (please note CACHS wear). Deadline to get your forms in is Monday, October 5th. Unfortunately we will not be able to have sizes at school to try on. Show your support and order today!

### New Fundraiser: Deal Card!

Due to the current COVID situation we will not be selling the ADmazing coupon book this year but we are happy to announce a new fundraiser! Students wishing to raise funds for sports fees, grad, club fees, class fees etc. are welcome to sell Deal Cards! Each card is \$20 (with over 50% of that going back to the students) and is loaded with savings at places like OPA!, Papa Johns, Mr. Lube and many more! Every offer can be used OVER+OVER=UNLIMITED value! Cards will be available to purchase starting next week Monday (Sept. 28th). Stay tuned to CACHS' Instagram and FP posts to order online!

Want to stay informed with school happenings and events? Follow us on Facebook: Central Alberta Christian High School and on Instagram: [cachsknights](https://www.instagram.com/cachsknights).

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## CAREER CORNER

“The guidance of the young people entrusted to the Christian high school by the Christian community is the task of the whole school. The school as a whole is given the responsibility to guide, direct, and to ‘help each student to grow into an independent person who serves God according to His Word and is able and willing to employ every talent to the honour of God and the well being of all fellow creatures,’ in every area of life.” (From Educating for Life Today and Tomorrow—A Christian Schools Canada Publication)

Part of my job is helping students find out about opportunities available for after school. Post-secondary options will have information on websites and usually provide open houses. In these unusual times most open houses are ‘online’. In person or online open houses are excellent opportunities to gather more information about different colleges and universities.

I look forward to meeting with all the students this year. Typically grade 12 students are met with at various times throughout the year, starting in September. I then meet with grade 11 students and finish with grade 10 students. However, at any time a student can request a meeting. I am the off-campus programming coordinator, so students and parents are encouraged to contact me if you have questions about our Work Experience, Green certificate or Registered Apprenticeship programs (RAP). I am at school on Mondays and Wednesdays, but can be contacted on my cell phone throughout the week if questions arise.

It is great to be back at school!

Veronica Den Oudsten  
Career Counselor

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## LIBRARY

Our library has experienced a major makeover in the past few months. Walls have been repainted, old metal bookshelves have been replaced with beautiful new wooden shelves, and the hallway wall was removed to open up the library into a more welcoming space. Next we are replacing the carpet and ceiling tiles. Students have been enjoying the changes! A big thank you goes out to all the staff and volunteers that helped to greatly improve our library!

## EUROPE TRIP—MARCH 2021

In the face of COVID-19 there have been some questions regarding our Central Europe trip in March 2021. The CACHS Board will be meeting soon and discussing this trip. Updates, and further details and information will be forthcoming.

## 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:

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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.

# CACHS ATHLETICS

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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.



## Athletic Update

Our volleyball and cross country teams have been training since the start of the school year. With games against teammates, alumni, and parents, our teams are eager to get some games in against other schools. As of September 9th schools have been allowed to develop mini-leagues with other local schools. Local school divisions will begin practicing October 1 and we hope to line up competitions with other schools in the next couple weeks. ASAA and the Government of Alberta have postponed all fall Zone and Provincial championships (volleyball, golf, and cross country) until Alberta moves to Stage 3 relaunch.



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