

# 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:

March 12—School in session  
March 15—18  
- Swing into Spring—online Auction  
March 18 & 19  
- Grad pictures  
March 24—First report card of second semester  
March 26—No school  
Staff collaboration  
March 27— April 5—  
Spring Break  
April 30—School in session

## PONDERINGS FEBRUARY 2021

Christopher Plummer passed away on February 5 at the ripe old age of 91 – a sad day for many who appreciated his acting skills and contributions. He starred in *The Sound of Music*, as many of you would know. That movie had a profound impact on many in the Reformed community when it was released in 1965, myself included. My dad took my sister and me to it - the first movie I ever saw in a theater. Practically every family in church bought the album. Many have said it was that movie alone which broke the taboo attached to theater going by church people. A wholesome young governess and a wholesome, disciplined large family defying the Nazis while spontaneously breaking into wholesome song accompanied by an invisible orchestra – what's not to like? You couldn't stop singing the songs, even in your head. "Catchy" is an understatement. And Reformed people loved their music. Quality music by Rogers and Hammerstein. Performed with gusto – like we sang our hymns! We weren't afraid to sing..

Our last assembly was exclusively musical. I enjoyed it immensely. Music has a way of bringing head together with heart in a manner that can't be captured in any other way. Few would describe me as a sentimental person, but I can say that it is not uncommon for me to need to stop singing during worship because I am momentarily overwhelmed – the emotions are that strong. Words alone can't do that. Yet, as always, a certain number of our students declined to sing or did so half-heartedly for entirely different reasons. I think that has something to do with our school culture.

Our school has generally excelled in athletics, and we have the banners to prove it. Yet the presence of music in our school borders on insignificant, and the contrast has always bothered me. How can a school community committed to worship achieve so little over time in this area? I reject the "lack of talent" argument. Everyone knows that if a team is going to have success, it can only be achieved by cultivating skills from an early age. Parents invest time, money and effort in a sacrificial way to get those athletic skills up to where they need to be. It takes discipline. Maybe you just can't have both. Is that true?

My wife went to a small Christian college in Iowa. Their teams were high end – a talented Canadian basketball player had virtually no chance of making their team. And yet, the same was true of their vocal groups. Gaining a place on one or more of them was an honour and a privilege, and these groups excelled and were admired. That was just the culture.

I commend our school praise leaders and musicians who do what they can to provide a meaningful, quality "sound of music" for our school. I challenge our supporting community to provide whatever is needed to make that happen consistently. Maybe it's time for a culture shift...

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## BOARD NOTES

Grade 12 students have received good grades on their diploma exams; we are especially excited to see that our students achieved higher math marks than we have seen in quite a while! We want to thank all our teachers for their hard work this past year in providing an excellent biblical education to our students! The Education Committee is in the process of hiring a teacher with potential administrative responsibilities for the coming school year.

The March 2021 Europe trip has been cancelled due to current restrictions. Parents and students have 2 options; either take a voucher for the CACHS trip next year or cancel the trip and make an insurance claim. The school plans to do the same Europe trip in March 2022. Current Grade 12 students are able to join the trip next year if they choose. The annual ski trip during semester break was cancelled but we are excited to be planning one for March 15th to Lake Louise. We hope students will have an enjoyable day in the mountains.

The Annual Swing into Spring Fundraiser will run as an online baking and dessert sale from March 15-19. The funds raised will go towards program enhancement; special needs, music class, robotics and new student desks.

Steve Wildeboer is willing to serve another year as our board chair. Hennie van de Brake and Val Ingwersen are finishing their school board terms at the end of this school year. We are in the process of finding 2 new board members who are committed to the vision and mission of the school. Please prayerfully consider using your gifts to serve at CACHS. 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. "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever." 1 Peter 4:10-11

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2021. Feel free to contact one of us if you have any questions or concerns.

Val Ingwersen,  
Board Secretary

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## CAREER CORNER

The Call-Finding and Fulfilling the Central Purpose of Your Life by Os Guinness says: "For each of us the real purpose is personal and passionate: to know what we are here to do, and why. Kierkegaard wrote in his journal: "The thing is to understand myself, to see what God really wants me to do, the thing is to find a truth which is true for me, to find the idea for which I can live and die."

This book is an excellent resource for anyone looking to explore how we work in God's kingdom with everything we are, everything we have and everything we do.

Students will have the opportunity on March 1st to hear from Christian Universities in a virtual fair. Kings, Ambrose, Redeemer, Trinity Western, Tyndale, Providence and Crandall will all be joining us.

Veronica DenOudsten  
Career Counselor

### *Swing into Spring*

*Dessert/Baking Auction Fundraiser  
Central Alberta Christian High School*

*Online auction:*

*Mar 15—Thur. Mar. 18.*

*Funds raised will go towards  
program enhancement.*

*Bidding information will be  
emailed and available  
on the CACHS website  
one week prior to the  
auction start.*

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## 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 2021 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.

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



## CACHS Athletics

With school athletic training being allowed again, we are thrilled to have students back in the gym with their coaches. Students are eager to work on their skills along with their peers. We have been enjoying basketball practices and look forward to training in track and field and soccer come the Spring. We hope for some competition opportunities as we close out this school year.

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