

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:

May 21— no school
May 24 — Victoria Day
— no school
June 4—Staff collaboration
- no school
June 25—Graduation

PONDERINGS MAY 2021

I have been blessed by the opportunity to spend most of my life in a profession that is not only a high calling, but is filled with life and fun. When your day is spent with young adults, there is almost never a dull moment. It's a good thing we have something called curriculum to remind teachers not to lose sight of the fact that we're being paid to present information and ideas to young minds and to challenge them to develop their thinking in ways that are intellectually sound, and that equip them to respond to the issues of civic life in a responsible manner. Our schools are mandated to add a final and essential ingredient – students must also reconcile their thoughts and actions to a radical Christian faith that claims every aspect of the life of the mind.

At present our government is in the process of developing a new curriculum for grades K through six. As with most things that unfold in the public sphere, the document has become a political football. There is nothing new in this. From 2005 to 2007, I was involved in focus groups tasked with developing the present senior high social studies curriculum. As that document was being prepped for final approval, we were called to an 11th hour meeting called by a certain prominent teachers' union. At that meeting, that body's representatives declared their members would not teach it! Quite a stir! Without going into details, the crisis was averted, and the new curriculum was adopted and implemented.

Fast forward to 2021 – here we go again! I won't go into details about the latest developments except to say I think I've seen this movie before. What's really going on here? At the heart of the dispute is a struggle over who gets to control the message - a power struggle between factions claiming to put students first. Each sees the world a certain way and wishes to impose its view upon the next generation, backed by the force of law. It's a battle about truth itself – who gets to decide it and tell it.

Christians must not be naïve about these matters. This struggle is woven into all of human history since the Fall. Many would have us believe there is no role for faith in curriculum, except to examine it as just another piece of information to consider as we undertake "objective" critical examination. However, we know that all perspectives are founded on faith, and we must not forget our commitment to respond to Christ's radical claim on our lives. Our mandate is to know and proclaim the Truth – first and foremost to our own children, who will live in a society increasingly estranged from the gospel. The urgency has never been greater.

If you wish to give your input to the draft curriculum, visit alberta.ca/curriculum to complete the survey.

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BOARD NOTES

Planning has been tough this past year due to COVID and the ever changing restrictions. As of now, Grad is planned for Friday, June 25th. We also hope to celebrate Pete Hoekstra's retirement from CACHS in some shape or form in the coming month. We have been blessed to have Pete teaching at CACHS for many years and as Principal for the past 4 years. We welcome Travis Eggink, our previous Vice Principal, into the role of Principal. Jenna Vanderveen has accepted the role of Vice Principal, alongside her teaching position. Adrian Van Loo will be moving here from Edmonton with his young family to fill our Humanities/Phys Ed teaching position. Continue to pray for each of these individuals as they step into new roles and for our school board as we work alongside staff and teachers in this coming year.

42 society members joined the Spring Society meeting via Zoom on May 17, 2021. Here are some items discussed at the meeting:

- Projected enrollment is higher than previous years at 90 students!
- Christine Baltzer is doing an excellent job as our special needs teacher and is utilizing our new Learning Commons Room (previous library). Kevin Reed is teaching our new Computer Robotics program and a Music program is also being offered.
- Shop class has been well attended. Woodshop has 30 students being taught by Darryl Stang. Mechanics has 27 students and welding has 21 students being taught by Nick Denoudsten with the help of Cindy Siebenga and Harvey Buit.
- Our AERR report showed very high results again this year. A few areas that declined were school improvement and also where our students are 6 years after graduation. This is influenced by student and parent survey responses.
- Fall Drive raised \$128,167; Swing Into Spring raised \$42,500.
- Tony Kamphuis from Christian School Foundation joined our Society meeting via Zoom. Society approved to transfer the CACHS Endowment fund from Christian Stewardship Services to the Christian School Foundation (Canada) Inc.
- Society approved the following members for terms on the board: Kim Haan and Paul Linker will serve 3 year terms. Steve Wildeboer will serve for 1 more year. Retiring board members are Hennie van de Brake on Development and myself as Secretary.

I feel blessed to have served on the CACHS school board and written to you in the board notes over the past 3 years. I have enjoyed meeting with board members from many communities and churches, being able to respect each other's opinions and the unity we experienced around the board table. Our differences enable CACHS to serve our students and community well. "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Our next board meeting is scheduled for May 31st. Feel free to contact one of us if you have any questions or concerns.

Val Ingwersen
Board Secretary

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CAREER CORNER

Gordon T. Smith is a professor at Ambrose University in Calgary and he has written some excellent books on vocation and career. [Courage and Calling](#) and [Consider Your Calling](#) are excellent resources for anyone trying to discover one's path.

Many of our grade 12 students are planning on attending post-secondary next year. There are also other students that have been working and are now thinking of attending school. The Alexander Rutherford Scholarship is available to anyone that has completed their high school education in Alberta. Money is given based on your marks from grade 10, 11 and 12. There is up to \$2500 available based on marks. If you are planning on attending school it is worth your time to apply for this scholarship. They are very generous in your mark calculation.

The scholarships administered by CACHS are normally due May 31st but the deadline will be extended until June 11th this year. The following scholarships need to be applied for:

Bentley Seed Cleaning Scholarship
Cameron Dowling Scholarship
Drs. Engel and Power Scholarship
Eagle Builders Trade Scholarship
Eagle Ridge Homes Scholarship
Jenna Weenink Scholarship

Applications are available at the school.

I look forward to celebrating with all of our grade 12 students their graduation on June 25th!

Veronica DenOudsten
Career Counselor

2021-22 Course Selection Sheets Available

Grade 9 information and registration packages have been given out to all Grade 9 students in Rimbey Christian School, Ponoka Christian School, and Lacombe Christian School. If you know any other students who would like to know about CACHS please direct them to the school office. Included in registration packages are course selection sheets that will help guide students through course options they will have in grade 10, 11 and 12 at CACHS. These option course preference sheets are due back at CACHS on June 4th. If 2021-22 students have any questions about CACHS or their course options they are encouraged to call, email or set up a video call with Mr. Eggink, Mrs. DenOudsten or Mr. Hoekstra. We particularly look forward to hearing from all grade 9's and helping set up their high school program!

Europe Trip March 2022

We are starting to get our group together for our trip to Berlin, Prague, Krakow, and Budapest in March 2022. If you are interested in more information on the trip, or would like to sign up, please contact Mr. Eggink (teggink@cachs.ca or 403-782-4535). All grade 10, 11, and 12 students who will be at CACHS next school year (ie 2021-2022) are welcome to join us on this trip. We will have an information night for students and parents in September.

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

- June 19, 2021—wedding - pushed back to August 21, 2021

CACHS Catering:

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CACHS Wear Apparel

We are now accepting CACHS wear orders! An order form is part of this newsletter and orders can be scanned and emailed to developmentdirector@cachs.ca or dropped off at the office. Forms and payment are due May 28th!

Whispers in the Wind by Japheth Wildeboer

I'm locked here
In this mansion
So many empty rooms
I walk down these lonely hallways
Locked inside

You knock at the door
But I won't let you in
If you come in you'll disappear
And never come again
For in here I hide

Alone in the mansion
It is my home
My only refuge
Here I cry
Here I scream

Locked in here
All these rooms
With no one to share them with
It's like a prison
A prison of the mind

Large and comfortable
But void of life and people
All but me
Stuck in here forever
Alone

Unable to hear your pleas
Please let me in
I hear you
Yet I don't
Your words are empty

No words reach me
I couldn't let you in if I tried
For I lost the key
Lost it in the wind
Lost with your words

Whispers in the wind
That's all I hear now
Your voice is lost
In the whispers of the wind
Yours and all those outside

Here in my mansion I will stay
Where all I can hear
And all I choose to listen to
Are whispers
Whispers in the wind

CACHS ATHLETICS

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



CACHS Athletics

November 24-27, 2021, we are hosting the ASAA 1A Girls Volleyball Provincial Championships at CACHS and LCS! We look forward to showcasing our community and hospitality to the top twelve girls volleyball teams at the 1A level. Our tournament executive is Miriam Doef (chair), Veronica Den Oudsten (treasurer) and Travis Eggink (secretary). Putting on a big event like this takes a lot of volunteers and planning, and we already have many people signed up for leadership roles in concession, banquet, scorekeeping, hospitality, fundraising, program and admissions, opening ceremonies, photograph, sportsmanship committee, and social media. If any of these areas interest you please contact the school or any of the executive committee members. We will be contacting people in the coming weeks and in the fall regarding volunteering and fundraising. Let's come together and make this a great event to celebrate competition, sportsmanship, and community!

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