

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:

June 21—

Social 10 exam
English 20 exam
Social 20 exam

June 22—

Math 10 exam
Science 20 exam
Biology 20 exam

June 23—

Biology 30 diploma exam

June 24—

Chemistry 30 diploma exam

June 25—Graduation

September 1—

First day of school

September 6—

Labor Day - no school

September 10—

School retreat

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PONDERINGS JUNE 2021

The Mission

Recently I was reading about the life of Lesslie (yess, it's spelled that way) Newbigin, considered one of the great minds of 20th century Christianity. He died in 1998, but his books remain influential, and perhaps increasingly controversial. Jack Vanden Pol, principal number one at CACHS, recommended him highly, but sadly, I never got to reading any of his works – a deficit I plan to address soon. I have no more excuses!

Newbigin worked as a missionary in India for most of his life. Upon his retirement he returned to his native England. He was dismayed to discover the level to which it had fallen in spiritual terms. He astutely concluded that his fellow citizens had not abandoned faith, but rather that had adopted one or more of the myriad of non-Christian faiths which masquerade under various titles (pluralism, consumerism, secularism, rationalism, hedonism, pantheism, ismism...). He described British culture as "pagan", confirming what G.K. Chesterton predicted years before and captured in his most famous quote that he didn't actually say: "When a man stops believing in God, he doesn't believe in nothing, he believes in anything."

Pagan - a word would that be considered archaic to many, even in Christian circles. And yet it correctly identifies humans as inherently worshipful, and I feel it accurately describes the religious state of the western world, including Canada. In the years since Newbigin's death, new ideas have emerged about what it means to lead a meaningful life that have been assigned god status. I believe all have a common thread tying them to another, contrary "gospel" that pervades our culture. I call it the "gospel of human autonomy". The 21st century western mind is steeped in it. I am my master – I define myself, my life's journey, and truth itself. And I will let this conviction carry me to whatever destination it may. Do not question or challenge me. It will be beautiful adventure, so long as no one gets hurt...

This belief is the antithesis of the true gospel's message.

Sadly, in a thousand different ways, our culture proclaims it. And we find ourselves in the midst of it, immersed in it. Have we taken on its flavour? I admit that too often, in my own life, that is indeed the case. My default setting is "self". I daily struggle with this idol, continually forgetting "I am not my own..."

So what does this mean for CACHS, and all Christian schools? The great promise of Christian education is that it does not yoke itself to the currents of culture. Since we exist to proclaim God and His truth, we must establish and oversee schools that are wholeheartedly committed to fulfilling this mandate, both in and out of the classroom. What we teach our children has always been central to and defining of who we are. And who are we? We are people on a mission to introduce Jesus to all, including our children. Are we up to the task? Of course we are, because God has promised to equip us in every way with the physical and spiritual resources we need to carry out His work as a body, which is supremely worthy. I conclude with

with an actual Chesterton quote: "The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him."

As I depart, I can say with confidence that CACHS is in good hands in every way. The Lord has provided staff and administration, a Board, committees, finances and a building, and most important, parents and students – all dedicated to this task. Most of all, he has given His Son and Spirit. The school is firmly in His hands and He will not let it fall.

Pete Hoekstra
Principal

BOARD NOTES

June 2021

As we wrap up another school year, we are grateful for God's faithfulness to our school throughout this challenging year. As the school shifted back and forth between in class and online learning, the Board would like to thank the students, teachers, and parents for their support and patience.

Graduation is planned for Friday, June 25 as restrictions allow. We are thankful for the 15 students that are moving on from CACHS and we wish them God's blessings in their future.

Our Board spent time this spring working on a "Statement of Faith". We felt it was important to have our families sign a unifying statement of what we believe and teach at CACHS. You can look for this Statement of Faith in your packages at the beginning of the school year.

On Friday June 11, we had an assembly to celebrate the retirement of Pete Hoekstra. We were happy to welcome his family with us, as well as Gayle Monsma from PCCE, Martin Folkerts (LCS Principal), Bob Morris (PCS Principal), and Terry and Donna Vandeborn. Thank you to all who joined us via zoom. We look forward to having more celebrations with him this month as COVID restrictions allow. The Board would like to formally thank Mr. Hoekstra for his 29 years of service at CACHS. His dedication to Christian Education is evident in all his work and he will be missed. His work regarding Bill 10 and 24 went above and beyond and we thank him for his leadership in this. We wish him and Cora the Lord's blessings as they adjust to this new chapter in their lives.

We look forward to our annual Staff and Board BBQ on August 26. Our next Board meeting is August 30, feel free to contact one of us if you have questions or concerns.

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"Don't 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 purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

I pray this verse continues to encourage and challenge our graduates as they continue in their journey. Thanks for an incredible three years!!

Veronica DenOudsten
Career Counselor

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.

Drama Update

Despite Covid-imposed quarantines and multiple weeks of online learning, the Drama 10, 20, 30 classes were able to present an in-house presentation of *Complaint Department and Lemonade*. People will complain about anything—not almost anything, but absolutely anything! This play presents a rapid succession of hysterical grievances, as the complaint department takes on everything from Oreo icing to kleptomania and from songs stuck in the head to the price of cheese and so on and on and on. Could there be a glimmer of hope for anyone in charge of a complaint department? Perhaps the adage, "If life hands you lemons, make lemonade," could be the answer! Some of the Drama 10 students also presented the monologue "Precious Prodigal" reminding us of our Father's love and forgiveness.

We are optimistic that we can offer a presentation open to the community next year. Keep your eyes and ears open for further details in the Fall!

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!!**

We are hoping you are all doing well throughout this difficult COVID year. We are doing well too. We are happy that we are still able to serve at your function, even though we have to keep in mind the restrictions that are in place at the time.

Opportunity/Help needed

Two of our committee members are stepping back for health or family reasons and because of this we as a committee are looking for a couple of younger (than us) people to join us. Do you like to organize, shop, prepare food, serve or help clean up? This might be an opportunity for you to use your gifts to help the school and the community. We would love to have a minimum of two new committee members join our committee. Volunteers are always welcome to help us at our functions. We usually do two or three functions a month and spread the shopping, prepping and cooking over a few days. We work in shifts so it will never take the whole day. We look forward to hearing from some of you who might feel called to help us. Please contact Emma or Clase.

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
- June 25, 2021—graduation banquet—when/where to be determined
- October 14, 2021—Ponoka Christian School Thanksgiving dinner
- November 25, 2021— Provincial Volleyball Tournament dinner

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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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