

# 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:

- December 18–January 2  
Christmas break
- January 3–Back to school
- January 3 –  
No Wolf Creek busses
- January 4–7  
Wolf Creek busses running
- January 20–  
- Open house for Grade 9 students & parents  
7:30-9:00 pm
- January 31–Semester break  
- Ski Trip
- Feb. 1–  
- Second semester begins  
- Final report card for Semester One
- Feb. 3 –  
Parent teacher interviews
- Feb. 11–AISCA Teachers Convention—no school

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## PONDERINGS December 2021

As I write here, I recognize how spoiled I am. In Social Studies courses I regularly talk with students about how unique the time and place is that we live. Each week we read headlines of migrants risking their lives to gain access to our comforts -- sadly those headlines usually read "Semi flipped in Mexico: 55 migrants dead" or "Capsized boat found in the English Channel -- 26 feared dead". We live in an exceptional place and at an exceptional time. In the scope of human history, we in Central Alberta live in a fantasy land of comfort, security, and opportunity.

During our staff meeting last week I read my favourite version of the Christmas story -- Revelation 12. The straw, stable, and star are great, but there was so much more going on that night than a virgin Jewish lady giving birth to a male child in an animal shelter. As a baby our Saviour and His family were poor and hunted by the powers of darkness; however, as the Christmas story reads in Revelation, "her child was snatched away from the dragon and was caught up to God and to his throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where God had prepared a place to care for her for 1,260 days" (Rev. 12:5-6). Revelation inspires my imagination to scenes from Lord of the Rings or other mythical tales, but the cosmic drama of Revelation 12 is true -- it is the truest story ever told!

In 2019 I was privileged to join the CACHS group that made its way to Egypt, Jordan, and Israel. When reading Scripture, I now place myself on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, or at the top of the Mount of Olives looking across the Kidron Valley, Garden of Gethsemane and at the Temple Mount. The trip was immensely affirming of my Christian faith and has changed how I read the Bible. A great book students and I read before and while on the trip was N. T. Wright's *The Way of the Lord*. In the book Wright describes the life and times of Jesus, and invites his readers to join him on a pilgrimage of faith meeting the Saviour. I often reflect on this book and long for a return trip to the Holy Lands, but I hope I never take the subject of the book lightly. As we enter the Christmas season, Wright reminds us of the force we are dealing with when we meet the child born in a manger, "This Galilean kingdom-message is anything but a recipe for a quiet life, a passive or romantic spirituality. It is an invitation to a kingdom-spirituality, invoking the power of the king to liberate those held in Satan's bondage" (Wright, p. 46-47).

The Advent season can easily become a high point for Westerners to indulge in our wealth. I love the Christmas festivities -- endless chocolates, looking at the lights, taking in the Santa Claus parade, church event after church event, and attending dinners that I am not even hungry for when I arrive. However, the

message of Christmas is not one of earthly comfort and security — it is anything but that! May we be mindful of our need for the Saviour this Christmas season, and our responsibility as stewards of exceptional earthly blessing. Merry Christmas to you!

Travis Eggink  
Principal

Wright, N.T.. The way of the Lord: Christina pilgrimage today. Wm. Be Eerdmans Publishing Co.  
Grand Rapids, MI: 1999

## BOARD NOTES

December 2021

What does the future hold for CACHS?

At our last Board meeting, we hosted Gayle Monsma from PCCE. Gayle presented an instructional workshop on Board membership and strategic planning. Trends in our three feeder schools show us that in 4-5 years, enrollment will be significantly higher than recent years. As a Board, our goals need to be visionary, so we would like to try and find some answers for that question- *What does the future hold for CACHS?*

In the coming months we will be forming a Strategic Planning committee, whose goal will be to compile information from our society, past, present and future. We would like your thoughts on what you think we should focus on to prepare CACHS for the future. Our goal is to have a Strategic Plan that will help future CACHS Boards move forward through the growth and inevitable changes over the coming years. Please look out for surveys in the coming months -- we will need your input!

Our next Board meeting is January 17, 2022. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact any Board member, or email myself at [secretary@cachs.ca](mailto:secretary@cachs.ca).

Cindy Ekkel  
Board Secretary

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## CACHS Fall Drive 2021

Central Alberta Christian High School's Fall Drive's goal for 2021 is set at \$150,000. So far this year's drive has resulted in donations totalling \$113,250. A big thank you to all those who have donated so far, your support is very much appreciated! If you would still like to donate there is time to do so and we ask that you prayerfully consider to what extent you can support CACHS through this year's drive. Donations can be e-transferred to [business@cachs.ca](mailto:business@cachs.ca) or by clicking the donate button at the top of our website, [www.cachs.ca](http://www.cachs.ca). You may also mail your donations directly to CACHS, 22 Eagle Road, Lacombe, AB, T4L 1G7. Please contact Candace at the school, 403-782-4535, if you have any questions.

## Career Corner

Timothy Keller in his book Every Good Endeavor talks about connecting your work to God's work. He speaks of the Christian view of work—that we work to serve others, not ourselves. Keller shows how excellence, integrity, discipline, creativity, and passion in the workplace can help others and even be considered acts of worship—not just of self-interest. It is a valuable resource for students or others looking to consider what career they might be interested in. I have a copy available in my office if you are interested.

CACHS students had an opportunity to connect virtually with Christian Universities from across the country. Kings University, Trinity Western, Providence University, Canada Mennonite University, Crandall, Ambrose, Burman and Redeemer all had representatives talk about the value of Christian post secondary education. The reps fielded a lot of good questions.

We look forward to the possibility of hosting representatives in the school in the future. We will be looking to host some different schools in the new year so students can engage with them in person. Students are encouraged to explore the choices for them after high school. Post secondary options have websites and virtual open houses that are available at any time. Students are welcome to talk to me at any time about the opportunities available.

Veronica DenOudsten

## Save the Date

An open house will be held at CACHS on Thursday, January 20, 2022 from 7:30—9:00 pm for parents and grade 9 students who are interested in attending CACHS next year. More information to come.

## 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

- December 16—CACHS Board/staff dinner

### CACHS Catering:

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## CACHS Athletics

CONGRATULATIONS to the CACHS boys volleyball team!!! They are the ASAA 1A Boys Provincial Champion!

CONGRATULATIONS to the CACHS Girls Volleyball team!!! They are the ASAA 1A Girls Provincial Champion!

CACHS was home to the ASAA 1A Girls Volleyball Provincials November 24-27th, 2021. What an incredible way to finish off the weekend as CACHS beat the Bawlf Wildcats in the final. We had 10 teams from all over the province join us in Lacombe to compete for the championship. It was a week of intense competition and incredible sportsmanship. Although we were limited by ASAA in terms of the things we could offer the teams due to increased safety protocols, the teams had a great week. We had 2 pools of 5 with the top 3 teams moving onward to the playoff round. A big thank you to the Lacombe Composite High School who allowed us to host one of the pools in their gym. Playoff competition ensued on the Saturday with Consort winning the Bronze medal over Parkland Immanuel in the 3rd place game. CACHS and Bawlf battled to the end with CACHS winning an exciting battle.

There were many amazing volunteers which included: helping out with the swag bags for the participants, taking action pictures of all the games, setting up and ensuring a high level streaming experience online, taking care of the gate and concession, making the program, being on the sportsmanship committee, scorekeeping, doing lines, and setting up and cleaning up gyms. Thanks to EVERYONE that helped out, and to those that donated money to ensure we could run this tournament. Thanks to all those that cheered on our teams throughout the weekend. It is awesome to be part of a community that encourages excellence in competition and sportsmanship.

A big thank you to Miriam Doef who was the chair of the Provincial Committee and put in many volunteer hours starting back in April 2019. Thanks for all the hard work put into making sure this tournament was a success.

CACHS Athletics


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