

# 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:

September 30—No School  
Truth & Reconciliation Day  
October 8—PD Day  
No School  
October 11—Thanksgiving  
- No school  
October 19—Picture Retake  
Day  
October 21 & 22—No School  
PCCE Teachers Convention

## PONDERINGS September 2021

### Opening Message

We have been blessed at CACHS with a great start to another school year. At times I get caught up in the frustrations of COVID, but more often than not I am energized by the sounds of students in our halls, classes being taught, clubs meeting at lunch, and the athletics teams gathering before and after school. The past year and a half has been challenging, and for students not being together has probably been the most challenging. So much of the learning and growth that high school students miss out on is not quantifiable or even possible when learning goes online and schools are limited to the "course work". The life and learning we have enjoyed at CACHS this opening month has felt special and new — in ways that maybe only something like COVID restrictions could bring about.

At our opening assembly I shared a small part of a Louie Giglio video "Stars and Whales". If you haven't watched one of these videos then I encourage you to look it up on YouTube. In the video Louie reads Psalm 148 which describes how all of creation praises God, and then he shares his passion for recording the sounds of creation — particularly star and whale sounds. A powerful compilation of nature sounds is then mashed together with Chris Tomlin's voice singing How Great is our God. The video is both powerful and humbling.

It has been my experience this month that the sounds of school have been a small part of creation's great symphony praising our God. Truly we are all witnesses and participants in the praises of our God!

Inevitably there will be more challenges and frustrations with things beyond our control, but as we discern our calling during these interesting times I hope that each of you — along with our school—stay focussed on joining creation in praising our Maker. We greatly appreciate your prayers and encouragement as we navigate another uncertain year, and are thankful for each day we get to have in person doing regular high school things.

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## BOARD NOTES

September 2021

Welcome to a new school year at CACHS! We are grateful for God's faithfulness to the CACHS community. "O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness, you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago." Isaiah 25:1

We were able to welcome 94 students on the first day of school with a pancake breakfast. We have 39 students in grade 10, 21 in Grade 11, and 34 in Grade 12. Over the summer, the Board was able to interview all incoming new families. These meetings are a great way to connect with new families, and for both the parents and Board members to ask any questions they might have.

We ask for your prayers for our new administrative team, Travis Eggink as Principal and Jenna Vanderveen as Vice Principal. We also welcome Adrian Van Loo to our teaching staff. He will be teaching Social, Bible, PE. and will be helping with volleyball. We pray that Adrian and his wife, Marissa, feel welcomed in our school and community.

Board appointments for 2021-2022

Chairperson- Steven Wildeboer  
Vice Chairperson- Hendrik deGier  
Secretary- Cindy Ekkel  
Treasurer- Annette Roseboom

Maintenance- [Pete Heidelberg](#)

Development- Kim Haan

Finance- Steven Wildeboer, Annette Roseboom, Werner Brouwer

Education- [Hendrik deGier](#), Paul Linker

Our next Board Meeting will be September 27, 2021, feel free to email me at [secretary@cachs.ca](mailto:secretary@cachs.ca) if you have any questions or concerns.

Cindy Ekkel

Board Secretary

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## CAREER CORNER

Let me share the place of Guidance in a Christina High School as stated in the "Educating for Life Today and Tomorrow" by Christian Schools Canada.

We work in cooperation with the student's parents. We believe that a student's family has the foundational role in developing his or her beliefs, values, gifts, abilities, and skills. The Christian school plays a supportive role by being a community of learning in which students, parents, and teachers work together to educate the whole student—intellectually, spiritually, physically, socially, emotionally, and aesthetically. Therefore guidance is not just a 'course' in the traditional sense of the term, but an integral part of the total school's goals and programs. The whole school is called to guide the students entrusted to its care. The guidance program is a framework for providing students with direction in the way they are called to live in every area of life.

I look forward to working with all the students as they navigate their future.

Veronica DenOudsten  
Career Counselor

### Provincial Championships

Plans are being made for the upcoming ASAA 1A Girls Volleyball Provincial Championships hosted by CACHS in both the CACHS and LCS gymnasiums from Nov. 24-27. We are excited that the provincial tournaments are still scheduled to go ahead, and that we get to showcase CACHS hospitality to the Alberta school athletics community. With the championships being limited due to COVID restrictions, we are not allowed opening ceremonies, banquet, or large medal ceremonies. With these restrictions in place, we are planning ways that we will make the championships memorable and valuable for the student-athletes. Two ways that you can help make these championships a success are donating your time and/or money.

We have our executive and lead volunteers in place, and now are asking people to help fill out volunteer positions. If you are interested in helping out please call or message the school or one of the provincial championship committee members: Executive committee members: Miriam Doef—Chair, Veronica Den Oudsten—Vice chair, and Travis Eggink—treasurer. We still need volunteers for concessions, score keeping, linesmen, gate keepers, hospitality, sportsmanship etc.

Whether it is signage, pictures, videos, team gifts, team banners, game announcers or other bonuses, hosting a provincial championship has costs that are not covered by the team entrance fees. Our committee hopes to raise \$5,000-10,000 that would help make this provincial tournament a great success. Money donated to the event beyond what is needed for the tournament will go to our provincial tournament account, where it will help with our volleyball program and hosting other provincial championships. Please contact Candace Slomp (business@cachs.ca) or Travis Eggink (teggink@cachs.ca) or call the school (403-782-4535) if you or your business would like to financially contribute to this event through a donation or advertising.

Go! Knights! Go!

## 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.

### CACHS Catering:

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Jennette Oosterink

- 780-372-2130

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- 403-783-5217

Clase van Iperen

- 403-396-3708

### 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

- October 14, 2021—Ponoka Christian School Thanksgiving dinner
- November 25, 2021— Provincial Volleyball Tournament dinner

## Building Blocks Thrift Store Announcement:

**To our valued thrift store donators—**As of October 1st, we will no longer be having a drop off bin at the back of the store. (The bin will remain there but it will not be accessible for drop offs. It will become more store for us) We will be requiring you to drop off your donations during store hours. This will ensure that your drop offs will make it in the store and not be broken when putting it in the bin, and not stolen when left outside when we are not there. We appreciate all the clean donations you have brought us and are thankful to God for the funds it has brought in for the Christian schools.

Building Blocks Thrift Store

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# CACHS ATHLETICS

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



## CACHS Athletics

We are excited to have athletics back in full swing at CACHS. We have gold, cross country runners and volleyball players all in action and it is all very refreshing! We are grateful once again to our wonderful coaches that give so much time and energy to our teams! If you can, please take a moment to thank them for the excellent work they do in our school community. Our gold team finished up their season with a good showing at the CASAA Zone 1A/2A championships, but failed to qualify for the ASAA provincial championships. Our cross country runners are training throughout the week, and enjoyed their first cross country meet in Camrose this past weekend at the Peace Hills Invitational. Cross country runners are looking forward to zone and provincial championships in the coming weeks. With the current COVID restrictions we are limited in how many people can attend volleyball games, but we still feel blessed with the smaller crowds and great competition the student athletes can enjoy! Please check the school calendar found on the website ([www.cachs.ca](http://www.cachs.ca)) for upcoming games and tournaments.

Fall Athletics Teams and Coaches:

Cross country: Rob Swartz and Mr. Eggink

Golf: Jeremy Dreise

Boys volleyball: Kim Keating, Eric Talsma, Kurt Dykstra, and Mr. Van Loo

Senior girls volleyball: Tashelle Loo and Miss Lindballe

Junior girls volleyball: Taylor Salomons, Kayla Ingwersen and Mrs. Vander Veen



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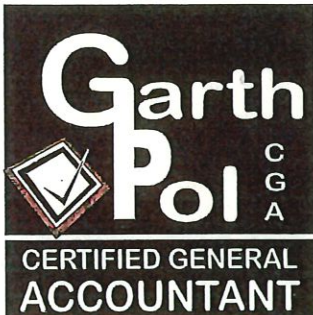


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