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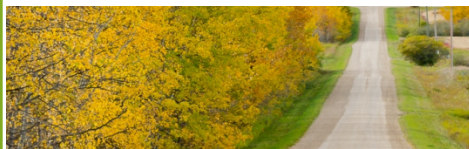
## PRINCIPAL PONDERINGS

Back in December we were talking in the office about when would be a good time to have an open house for current grade 8 or 9 students and parents. I thought I was smart in suggesting that we run the open house evening in January because that would likely be a low time for COVID with the Delta wave on its way out. We thought there would probably be another wave in February or March, so the middle of January was our “educated” guess on when it would be best having folks check out the school.

## FALL DRIVE

The 2021 Fall Drive has officially come to an end. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the drive this year. With your support \$203,500 was raised! The Lord has richly blessed us with a supportive community who believes in the value of Christian Education.

*"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up" 1 Thess. 5:11*



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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Jan. 31: Semester Break and Ski Trip**

**Feb 2: First Day of Semester 2**

**Feb 2: Semester 1 Report Cards go out**

**Feb 3: Parent/Teacher Interviews**  
Please call the office to arrange.

**Feb 18: No School -Teacher's Conv.**

**Feb 21: No School - Family Day**

**Mar 10: CACHS Food Fest Auction**

**Mar 11: No school**

**Mar 24 - Apr 2: Spring Break**

## PRINCIPAL PONDERINGS CONT'D

Roll into January and the Omicron variant was in full swing. We were worried we would have to cancel our open house, and even if we ran the event no one would show up. In the end we had eight families tell us they would attend, but we ended up with 20 families from all over Central Alberta at our school for the open house! We had a great night with the staff showing families our wonderful facilities, playing games with prospective students in the gym, and talking with parents about the variety of programming CACHS offers.

Prior to the open house a few people asked me if I was nervous about presenting to parents and fielding their questions. My response was that of course there are always some nerves when you present, but being able to talk about our school, our staff, our community, and God's faithfulness to CACHS over the past 30+ years – that is one of my great joys! We are so blessed at CACHS. Looking forward to the next group of parents that will join our school, I am confident that we will continue serving our students well and that our community will continue being the driving force of CACHS!

## NEW DESKS

CACHS welcomed new student desks and chairs into the school on Jan 18. We anticipate that students will work harder and more efficiently in these new work spaces.

The teachers also received new tables and chairs for use at the front of their classrooms to make more efficient work spaces for them as well.



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## BOARD NOTES

As the first semester comes to an end, we are grateful for the hard work of our students and staff. As we navigate the challenges of running a school during a pandemic, I am reminded of how truly blessed we are here at CACHS, as was evident by our Fall Drive. It is with thanksgiving that we see classrooms with students writing exams, the shop full of finished woodworking projects, and the gym filled with the buzz of students at play. "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever". Psalm 136:1

Please pray for our Grade 12 students as they begin to make plans for their future, whether that be applying for college, university, or making plans to pursue full time employment.

We will soon be looking for new Board members to replace those who have completed their terms. If you would like to nominate yourself for someone you know, please fill out the Nomination Form that is attached to this newsletter and forward it to the Board Chair, the Board Secretary, or drop it off at the office in a sealed envelope by February 28, 2022.

Our next Board meeting is February 28, 2022. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact any Board member, or email me at [boardsecretary@cachs.ca](mailto:boardsecretary@cachs.ca).

In Christ,

Cindy Ekkel  
Board Secretary

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## ATHLETICS

Basketball season is in full swing. Both the boys and girls have had the opportunity to play in Edmonton at the Parkland Immanuel tournament. CACHS has also hosted a number of exhibition games over 2 weekends. Girls and boys are both 4 and 0 in league play and look forward to competing at zones with the chance of attending Provincials!!



## CACHS CURRENT

### Classes at at glance:

**Art 10/20/30:** We welcome Ms. Tilbury and Ms. Zacharias as teachers of all the art classes.

**Bible 10:** Mr. Reed and Mr. Van Loo will teach our grade 10 students about the Old Testament.

**Biology 20:** Study human body systems with Mrs. McLeod.

**Biology 30:** Mrs. Vander Veen will teach molecular ecology to community biology.

**Chemistry 30:** Look at naming and organic chemistry with Mr. Reed.

**Computer Science:** Computer history and programming with Mr. Reed.

**English 10:** Communication and literature with Mrs. McLeod.

**English 20:** Continue developing English skills with Mrs. McLeod.

**Foods 10/20/30:** Cooking class with Ms. Lindballe.

**Leadership:** Complete a project and study people with Mrs. Den Oudsten.

**Mechanics:** Take apart and study engines with Mr. DenOudsten.

**Math 10:** Ms. Lindballe and Mr. Reed will teach a variety of math skills.

**Math 31:** Calculus with Ms. Lindballe.

**Off Campus:** Mrs. DenOudsten will look after RAP, Work experience and the Green Certificate.

**Physics 20:** Look at the motion of objects with Mrs. Vander Veen.

**Resource:** Mrs. Baltzer will assist with learning to learn.

**Social 20:** Mr. Van Loo teaches about nationalism.

**Social 30:** Welcome back Mr. Hoekstra!

**Sport Performance:** Mr. Van Loo will challenge our athletes.

**Welding:** Mrs. Siebenga will coordinate with Mr. Den Oudsten.

## THINGS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

### CACHS Ski Trip

On Monday, Jan. 31, over 30 CACHS students will be headed to Lake Louise.

### CACHS Basketball

The season is in full swing. All games are posted on the website calendar.

### CACHS Book Club

The book club meets regularly to discuss what make the book interesting and enjoyable.

### Europe Trip

Plans are being finalized . The group is eager and excited to go. The trip is scheduled for Mar 24 - Apr. 2, 2022.

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## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Welcome to a new feature of the newsletter, Staff Spotlight! Each month we will send one staff a little questionnaire for them to fill out and then share their answers with you. We hope you enjoy this new feature and get to know the staff a little bit better..

Q. What is your name and what is your role at

CACHS? A.

Jenna Vander Veen, Vice Principal and I teach Sciences.



Q. If you were a

potato, what way would you like to be cooked? A. French fries, smothered in gravy and cheese curds, because it's so yummy.

Q. What is your favorite strange food combinations? A. Other people tell me it's weird to put eggnog in coffee, I love it.

Q. As a kid what did you want to be when you grew up? A. As a kid, I probably would've said a veterinarian. That changed into eye doctor. That changed into high school teacher.

Q. When was the last time you did something for the first time? A. This past summer we watched Canada Day fireworks from the roof with our family. It might become a tradition.

Q. What is the worst food you've ever eaten? A. I made a batch of really bad pea soup a few weeks ago. It was a chore to eat.

Q. Do you prefer the pool or the beach? A. The beach.

Q. Would you rather always be hot or always be cold? A. Always cold...you

can dress in layers!

Q. What was your first job? A. I worked for a greenhouse in high school.

Q. What was your favorite subject in high school? A. Phys. Ed! Especially Phys. Ed 30 where we went canoeing, hiking and cross-country skiing and downhill skiing/snowboarding trips.

Q. Describe yourself in one word. A. Positive

Q. Who should be featured in our next Staff Spotlight and how would you describe them in one word? A. Veronica Den Oudsten. Energetic.



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## DENTAL CLINIC

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

AMY DOEF has been chosen as the CACHS student of the month for the month of January. Amy is a student worthy of the title "Student of the Month". She is highly motivated and talented in both academics and athletics, consistently achieving marks at the top of her class, and performing at an elite athletic level. This year she



and her volleyball teammates won Gold at Provincials, and in addition to being a member of the school's basketball team, she

continues to play Club Volleyball as well. The whole school is blessed by Amy's talents when she sings on the Praise team during assemblies. Amy is exemplary in her involvement and dedication to the school community.



## STUDENT WORK

Please enjoy this opinion piece submitted for an assignment by a student in Science 10.

Dear Earth,

This is a letter of desperation. I come from Sector 389 of the Ozone Layer.

I am writing to you because we are dying. Everyday, millions of CO<sub>2</sub> particles float up and kill thousands of us. Soon this 'small hole' the earthlings claim there is, will become an astronomical sized hole in our atmosphere. Last year, the hole started to become smaller, just like we all hoped it would, but then the earthlings began discarding all their efforts and now more of us are dying than before.

All of us O<sub>3</sub>'s are becoming more desperate than we ever have. I am so very lucky that I have survived this long, especially with how many are dying all around me.

I beg you, Earth, to do something to show your unhappiness. To show the earthlings that we are dying. To show that more than us Ozone particles are dying. Us O<sub>3</sub>'s are able to look down upon this earth and see the creatures that are also affected by the disgusting CO<sub>2</sub>'s. Because the ozone family is dying, life below is also dying. Ice is melting, animals are going extinct, endangered and more. It is causing a chain reaction and we need you to find strength to tell the earthlings that there is something wrong.

Right now, I am near the edge of the hole, and I do not have much time left. We are all begging the living creatures of this earth to do something for you, for all of us.

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CACHS catering is ready to serve you! Enjoy homestyle cooking and dessert buffets all the while supporting CACHS. The funds raised are used to purchase items that will benefit the school and enhance the learning of our students.

Just this year we were able to purchase a mobile laptop cart with 30 chrome books! In addition to that, CACHS catering was able to support the library and book club by purchasing a number of new books to add to the collection.

Please consider CACHS Catering when choosing a caterer for your event. They offer a fully customizable menu and are willing to work with special dietary needs. The price for this year will remain low at \$22/plate, which includes dinner, dessert, coffee and juice.

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**Deadline for nominations is February 28, 2022**

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