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Knights News

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 Tim. 4:12

PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS - LENT AND EASTER

I have greatly enjoyed teaching Social Studies 30 during the first period of second semester both this year and last year. In particular I have appreciated morning devotions with Grade 12s; where we work through a book of the Bible, discuss what is interesting, reflect on current events in the news, and then pray together for others, ourselves, and our world.

For the past two seasons of Lent, I have challenged myself and my students to consider their posture while we pray together. During prayer most students sit with their head over their desks, fold their hands, and devoutly join in the prayer being offered. As we are human, students and myself can become comfortable and simply go through the motions when it comes to morning devotions. So beginning Lent both last year and this year, I asked students to join me in kneeling while we prayed. In both years, few students knelt and prayed, and as time went on fewer continued kneeling. It was not that students were unwilling to pray or that they weren't joining in the prayer, but I suspect that it was uncomfortable as the carpet on concrete flooring pressed against their knees, or maybe unfamiliar as they may not have knelt to pray since they were much younger.

As you enter the Easter weekend it is my prayer that we are not too comfortable or familiar, and instead that each of us powerfully experiences this annual reminder of the immense sacrifice God offered to bring us back to Him. I believe the exercise of inviting students to kneel in a posture of humility and discomfort while praying has been valuable for them and myself. It is my hope that this Easter weekend makes us uncomfortable and maybe even hurts a little as we consider "our sin that held him there until it was accomplished" (Stuart Townsend).

Travis Eggink

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Building Committee is moving forward with the plans for a cosmetology classroom by pricing out the cost of materials, stations, plumbing and electrical with the goal of having the space completed for classes to begin next school year.

Thanks to all for their support through the Swing into Spring fundraiser!



POWERSCHOOL

Parents are encouraged to login to the PowerSchool Parent Portal to check what courses your child is enrolled in. Contact Candace if you are having login issues.

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BOARD NOTES

The Swing into Spring fundraiser held on March 9 was a success raising \$93,125.32! The board would like to thank the Development Committee for organizing a great fundraiser and our CACHS community for your support and generosity. We look forward to putting these funds to good use in providing more programming for current and future CACHS students. We plan to have the cosmetology lab up and running for the Fall 2023 semester. "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17

Pete Heidelberg (Maintenance) and Hendrik deGier (Board Chair) will finish their school board terms at the end of this school year. Annette Rooseboom (Treasurer) has agreed to let her name stand to be voted on for another term. Steve TenHove and Rick Wildeboer have also agreed to let their names stand to be voted on for a 3-year board position. There will be a motion to vote on their names at our society meeting on Monday, May 15th. We hope to see many of you there! Board positions will be decided after the society meeting.

We are excited to welcome Miranda Beukema as part of our teaching staff for the 2023-2024 school year. We pray that CACHS will be a blessing to Miranda as she adjusts to her new teaching position at CACHS.

As we continue to get new family registrations for next school year the Board has set up dates in April to interview potential new families. We look forward to the continued growth of our school and meeting with interested families.

Our next Board meeting is April 24, 2023. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to speak to any board member or email me at secretary@cachs.ca

In Christ,

Andrea Thalen

Board Secretary

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ATHLETICS & EXTRA CURRICULAR UPDATE

Athletics

Boys Basketball 2022-2023: The CACHS Boys basketball team had an exciting year. With only one grade 12 player, it was a year of learning and growing. Our goal was to qualify for zones and we were able to accomplish that. We ended up finishing 3rd in league play. We also played in 4 tournaments, with our best result being 2nd place at the Bashaw tournament. It was awesome to grow and develop and become a team where everyone figured out what they could contribute to be the best we could be. We played our best basketball at the zone tournament. Our team represented CACHS well with incredible effort and wonderful sportsmanship all year long. Thanks to Tariku Stang, our graduating player for his 3 years of dedication to the team. Thanks to our manager Dasha who was there to fill up water bottles and keep stats all year long. Thanks to Matthew Weenink and Dan Luymes who would take time out of their busy schedules to help coach.

Girls Basketball 2022-2023: This season our record was 22-9. We came second in two tournaments, our own CACHS tournament and Hanna. As well as won consolation side in the settler tournament and lost in consolation in the PICS tournament. We won our league championship for a second year in a row and placed second in zones which earned us a spot at provincials. With the great season we had we were able to go into provincials ranked 5th in the province. Unfortunately with a tough loss in the consolation side semis, we ended up tying for 7th overall. It has been a really fun season with all of the girls and their dedication to the team. From starting off our season not knowing if we would have a team to qualifying for provincials was amazing! All the girls have improved their knowledge and understanding of the game, offensive and defence that hopefully transfers into the next season for those who are returning. We were blessed with a fun, kind hearted, Christ like group of girls that made the season really enjoyable to coach!

Extracurricular

Book Club: We continue to discuss "Educated" by Tara Westover. We hope to go on a field trip to the Calgary Library in the future.

Fry Fridays: Every Friday we are in school students have the opportunity to purchase a hamburger, fries and drink for 5\$.

Badminton: Anyone interested in playing Badminton is invited to come to CACHS on Wednesday's at 7:00 pm. Please check the school calendar as there may be some changes.

Handball: Teams are practicing, and games are being played.

Yearbook: The yearbook is always looking for pictures. Please submit worthy candidates to jvanderveen@cachs.ca.

Praise Team: The overnight retreat on February 24th - 25th was amazing!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



CACHS March student of the month goes to Dathan VanderScheer! Dathan is a conscientious student, with a servant heart. He works diligently in each of his classes, thinks deeply about the concepts discussed in class and willingly includes others in conversation.

He volunteers his time to help the school and his community. Dathan has been an integral part in Student Council meetings and activities, taking his responsibilities seriously. We have been blessed to have him as a student at CACHS and wish him the best as he graduates this June.

*Your love, O Lord
reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.
Psalm 36:5*

Job Postings...

- **Ponoka Christian School** is currently accepting resumes for the following **teaching position: Kindergarten**. This position is half time. Our current Kindergarten program is full days, 2-3 times per week. All candidates need to have a valid Alberta teacher's certificate or be eligible to apply for one. Please forward a cover letter, resume, three references (including a pastoral reference), and personal statement of faith to Robert Morris c/o office@ponokachristianschool.com

The closing date for this position is **April 21, 2023**.

ASSEMBLIES

Students are expected to attend all assemblies and Open Parachute time. Assemblies start at 10:10 am and alternate Fridays with Open Parachute. Parents are welcome to attend assemblies at any time. Sometimes special guests will be invited to speak at our assemblies.

Upcoming Assemblies:

April 14 - Mr Eggink

April 21 - Mrs VanderVeen - Open Parachute

NEW STAFF MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - MIRANDA BEUKEMA

I was born and raised in a Christian family in Edmonton and attended a Christian School from K- 12. After highschool I went to the U of A and completed both a science and education degree. I met my husband Aaron at church, and after we got married we moved to the Lacombe area because I received a high school math and science teaching position at Gateway Christian School. I taught at Gateway for four years before our first son was born. I am currently teaching grade 7 math and science at Normandeau School in Red Deer. Aaron and I have four children. Our two oldest boys Elisha and Judah



are in grade 2 and 1 at Lacombe Christian School and our daughter Abigail is ready for Kindergarten in the fall. Our youngest daughter Miriam will soon turn three and she also thinks she is going to Kindergarten! I love sports and have spent many years playing soccer, basketball and volleyball. As a family we enjoy many outdoor activities. In the winter we love to skate, sled, and swim at the pool. In the summer we enjoy camping, going to the beach, biking, soccer and frisbee golf. I also love music and playing the piano. Our family attends Redeemer URC in Lacombe where I play the piano for our church as well as for choir occasionally. I am very excited to be working at CACHS in the fall, to be back at a Christian school and teaching higher level courses. I am looking forward to working together with teachers and parents to faithfully educate your children with Christ at the center of all things. Finally I look forward to getting to know the students to inspire, encourage, and equip them as they are challenged to find purpose and meaning through God's will for their lives.



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You are invited to Ponoka Christian School's Annual Spring Fundraising Auction! Join us in the Ponoka Christian School Gym on **Saturday April 15, 2023.**

Doors open @ 9:00am. Join us in a day of fun for the whole family including the concession, lunch, and the kids' carnival. Enjoy fellowship and conversation all while supporting our school. The Lord has blessed our school auction in the past and we ask for your continued support.

You can support us by donating items for the live auction, silent auction or bake table. Please let us know before March 30 if you plan to make a donation to the live auction.

Donations to the silent auction and the baking table can be made till the day before.

Auction starts @**9:30am**sharp. We hope to see you there!

PCS Auction Committee,

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2023 AUCTION

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**Buffet Supper 4:30-6pm, Cost is by donation
Desserts & Snacks(\$) Games & Movie(\$) for kids
Live & Silent Auction starts at 6pm**

If you would like to donate a new item or service to be auctioned, please have it to the school no later than Wednesday, April 19 by 4pm
If you have any questions, please call Karri Folkerts at 587.876.8295

CLASSES AT A GLANCE

Accounting: Changes

Art 10/20/30: Getting ready for our acrylic painting landscapes.

Bible 20: Jesus - a different kind of leader.

Biology 20: Pee in a cup.

Biology 30: The miracle of life.

Chemistry 30: Energy - Endo or Exo.

Computer Science: Programming and bootstrap.

Drama 10/20/30: Will we ever have a play?

English 10 (Vanloo): It's a novel concept.

English 10: (Hilsabeck): Poetry around the world.

English 20-1: Poets and you know it.

Foods: #Sugar cookies.

Math 10C: Products and factors. I promise this is exciting.

Math 10-3: Increase our capacity for knowledge.

Math 31: Slopes are not just for skiing.

Mechanics: Breakdown and build up go karts. Tool and die.

Off Campus: Next Green certificate test is May 8 or 9. Work experience continues.

Social 10: Imperialism - ain't it great!

Social 20: Enlightenment then, enlightenment now. Heads rolled then, will they roll now?

Social 30: Totalitarianism in the 20th and 21st centuries.

Science 24: Field trips extravaganza is done. Science fair projects begin.

Sport Performance: Survival of the fittest.

Welding: Now that we know what we are doing, the building begins. Handball nets are being worked on.

World Religions: The early days.

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CACHS Catering

If you have an event that needs catering and would like to support our school, please book HT Catering by calling 403.963.2107 and ask about the possibility of making your event a CACHS Catering event. HT Catering has partnered with CACHS Catering to support our school moving forward.

CACHS Catering volunteer coordinator Lance Goedhart will assemble a team of volunteer servers and dishwashers, and HT Catering will do the rest! Events will be booked at regular HT Catering prices, but profits from these "CACHS Catering" events will then support the school.

If you are interested in joining our volunteer list please contact Lance at 403.963.0553.



Registration Night

On March 16th we held our first ever Grade 10 registration evening. Overall it was a great evening where our staff met with new students and their families to discuss high school and choose Grade 10 courses for the coming year. We were blessed with having 30 students register for Grade 10, and we anticipate more to come!

Thank you to the Development Committee for their support of this important evening.

Swing into Spring

*A **big thank you** once again to all our sponsors as well as our school community for coming out and supporting our school this year.*

We raised over \$90,000!

*Above all let us **thank the Lord** for His faithfulness to us again!*

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TEAM HANDBALL PROVINCIALS UPDATE

MAY 11-13, 2023

Our teams are practicing, getting ready for their first league games, and those league games are giving them great experience for the Tier II Team Handball Provincials, which CACHS is hosting on May 11-13, 2023.

Unlike some other provincial tournaments, both the girls and boys teams combine their tournament in one city. Our tournament will play at both the CACHS and LCHS gyms. Working between two venues means that we're looking for a large number of volunteers, both student and adult. Scorekeeping, admission, merchandise, concession and ref/coaches support, banquet, photographers, mc's, live streaming, and sponsor-relations, on top of all the excitement of watching games and cheering on our two teams!

We are busy gathering our lead volunteers for these positions, and if your child is playing, keep an eye out for some emails from the office with some specific requests. Student volunteers are definitely welcome, and more info for them will come near the end of April. Volunteers will make this tournament a success!

Excitement for the tournament is building.

Mark your calendars and join us, May 11-13!



1A/2A CASAA ALL STAR GAME

CACHS had the privilege of hosting this game on March 22, 2023. We had over 60 participants, and over 300 people coming through our doors to celebrate excellence in Central Alberta Basketball. All stars from the 1A and 2A teams in our zone were selected by the coaches to participate in this game. The Sport Performance class were excellent hosts as they welcomed participants, were scorekeepers, announcers, and ran a shooting game. The Book Club ran an incredible concession for the evening as well. Thanks to all CACHS students who made this evening an incredible success!!