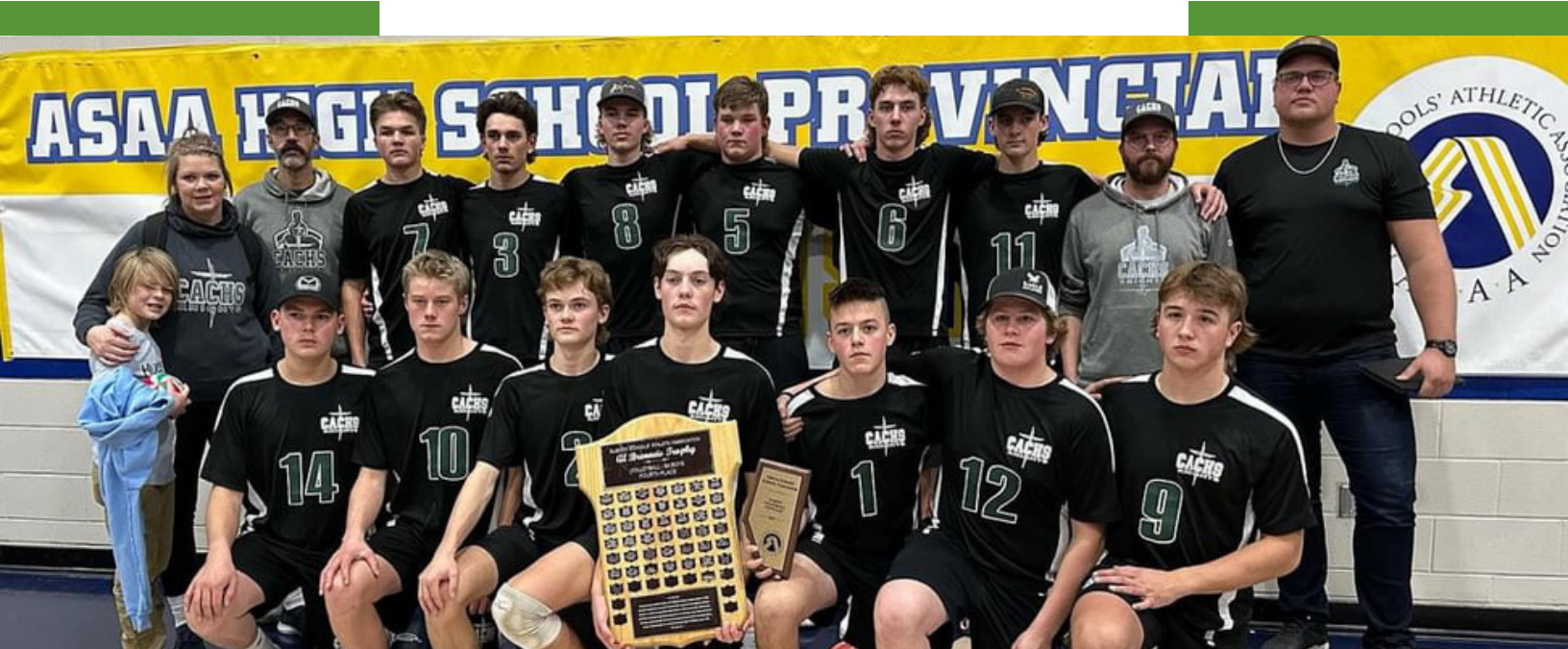


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# KNIGHTS NEWS

*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*



## CACHS KNIGHTS BOY'S TEAM PLACED 4TH IN PROVINCIALS!

BR (L-R): Noah Keating, Kim Keating, Kurt Dykstra, Eli Kraay, Ethan Vreugdenhil  
Kalum Mantel, Brayden Salomons, Corey Vreugdenhil, Nik Tenbrinke, Adrian VanLoo, Eric Talsma

FR (L-R): Kurtus Pierson, Brandon Kooiker, Luke Dykstra, Drew Dykstra, Asher Doef, Dian Haan, Will Visscher

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We are here for you!

# PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS

By Travis Eggink

## »»» IN THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

of an Alberta independent school, November is for writing the Annual Education Results Report (AERR) which requires analysis of and comment on the previous school year. Through this link ([2023 CACHS AERR](#)) and on our website you can find our 2023 AERR. Every Spring as part of the Assurance Framework, Alberta Education sends surveys to parents, students, and teachers of each school. School leaders are then required in the Fall to digest the data and respond to the identified strengths and weaknesses in their school. Beyond the provincial surveys, Alberta Education requires schools to use local measures to assess their performance. For our AERR we used data from our [Strategic Plan 2025](#), Application to CACHS Graduation 2023, and discussions during Board and Committee meetings during the 2022-23 school year.

The summary of results from the 2022-23 school year once again confirms that CACHS is an excellent school. Of the sixteen measures with a measure evaluation, CACHS overall scored "Excellent" in twelve measures and "Good" in one measure. Three supplemental measures overall scored below "Good", with two scoring "Acceptable" and one scoring "Low". "In-service jurisdiction needs" and "Rutherford Scholarship Eligibility Rates" showed significant drops when compared to results from the previous year and the previous 3-year average.

Encouraging signals of improvement were found in three categories: "3-year High School Completion", "Lifelong Learning" and "Program of Studies". The supplemental Alberta Education Assurance Measures help to round out the picture of our school, especially when measuring the progress made toward our

[Education Plan](#) goals of Faith Formation, Quality Teaching and Learning, Wellness and Engagement and Improvement. In conclusion, our overall summary results largely remain highly positive and serve as a reminder that we must strive to adhere to practices and attitudes that have led to the confidence our constituency clearly expresses in our institution.

As we work with our Education Plan, we are mindful of the need to understand and respond appropriately to the data we receive annually, in consideration of the fluctuations inherent in small sample sets. These are the summary results and a short comment from the 2023 CACHS AERR. If you would like to read more please check our complete report linked above and also available on our website.

**"The summary of results from the 2022-23 school year once again confirms that CACHS is an excellent school."**

**Read article for a full report!**

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# PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS

By Travis Eggink

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## Required Alberta Education Assurance Measures - Overall Summary Fall 2023

Authority: 9294 Central Alberta Christian High School Society

Assurance Domain	Measure	Central Alta Christ HS Soc.			Alberta			Measure Evaluation		
		Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Achievement	Improvement	Overall
Student Growth and Achievement	Student Learning Engagement	88.8	87.6	87.6	88.4	85.1	85.1	n/a	Maintained	n/a
	Citizenship	94.2	93.0	93.7	93.3	91.4	92.3	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
	3-year High School Completion	97.8	96.8	93.2	93.7	93.2	92.3	Very High	Improved	Excellent
	5-year High School Completion	89.8	96.9	94.9	88.8	87.1	86.2	High	Maintained	Good
	PAT - Acceptable	n/a	n/a	n/a	63.3	64.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	PAT - Excellence	n/a	n/a	n/a	16.8	17.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Diploma - Acceptable	88.8	81.4	n/a	89.3	75.2	n/a	Very High	n/a	n/a
	Diploma - Excellence	28.4	3.4	n/a	21.2	10.2	n/a	Very High	n/a	n/a
Teaching & Learning	Education Quality	92.3	93.1	93.2	88.1	89.9	89.7	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Learning Supports	Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments (WCRSLE)	94.8	96.3	96.3	94.7	88.1	86.1	n/a	Maintained	n/a
	Access to Supports and Services	93.2	92.4	92.4	89.6	81.8	81.6	n/a	Maintained	n/a
Governance	Parental Involvement	95.2	94.7	90.0	79.1	78.8	80.3	Very High	Maintained	Excellent

Note: "n/a" results are due to measures that are not high school measures (i.e., PATs), or lack of 3-year data that can be used due to provincial COVID restrictions in 2021-2022 and 2020-2021.



## Supplemental Alberta Education Assurance Measures - Overall Summary Fall 2023

Authority: 9294 Central Alberta Christian High School Society

Measure	Central Alta Christ HS Soc.			Alberta			Measure Evaluation		
	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Achievement	Improvement	Overall
Diploma Exam Participation Rate (4+ Exams)	9.9	n/a	77.4	3.5	n/a	56.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Drop Out Rate	1.8	1.3	1.9	2.5	2.3	2.5	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
In-Service Jurisdiction Needs	81.8	100.0	90.5	82.2	83.7	84.3	Low	Maintained	Issue
Lifelong Learning	97.6	89.4	91.1	88.4	81.0	78.8	Very High	Improved	Excellent
Program of Studies	89.6	87.5	81.7	82.9	82.9	82.6	Very High	Improved	Excellent
Program of Studies - At Risk Students	93.4	92.6	93.3	81.2	81.9	83.4	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Butherford Scholarship Eligibility Rate	61.8	73.3	73.7	71.9	70.2	68.3	Intermediate	Maintained	Acceptable
Safe and Caring	95.2	96.9	96.3	87.6	88.8	89.1	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Satisfaction with Program Access	85.3	88.3	84.4	72.9	72.6	73.9	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
School Improvement	85.2	92.0	86.4	75.2	74.2	77.9	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Transition Rate (6 yr)	82.6	66.3	67.9	89.7	60.3	60.2	Intermediate	Maintained	Acceptable
Work Preparation	97.6	95.3	97.7	83.1	84.9	84.5	Very High	Maintained	Excellent

Note: "n/a" results are due to measures that are not high school measures (i.e., PATs), or lack of 3-year data that can be used due to provincial COVID restrictions in 2021-2022 and 2020-2021.

In closing the 2023 CACHS AERR, CACHS will continue to cultivate a model of education which is based upon the shared responsibility of home, school and church. These results affirm an educational philosophy in which parents are central to all facets of their child's education, which is not limited to the formal instruction offered during the regular hours of a school's operation. Education in the broadest sense takes place in the context of community. A child experiences the greatest success when all facets of their lives are nurtured in a cohesive, harmonious and authentic manner. Our philosophical model rejects the notion that school is solely responsible for the education of a student. Excellent education takes place only when the school is viewed as one of several partners in the intellectual, moral, emotional, physical and spiritual development of the child; therefore, we will strive to maintain these partnerships.



# BOARD NOTES

By Andrea Thalen, Board Secretary

## ➤➤➤ I HOPE YOU ARE ALL ENJOYING THE

almost snow-free November! It has been great having warmer temperatures this month. We as a Board met November 27th and have a few updates to share with Society:

- The CACHS Fall Drive is currently underway with a goal of \$200,000. As of November 27th, \$34,000 has been received. Please prayerfully consider what you can contribute in your year-end donations. Donations received by December 31, 2023 will receive a 2023 charity receipt.
- The Building and Reno Committee continue to meet and make plans to make better use of spaces in the school that are currently not being used to their full potential. Quotes are being gathered to update the Science Lab, Computer Lab, and the main washroom area.
- At our last Board Meeting the 2022-2023 Audited Financial Statements along with the Annual Education Results Report were reviewed and approved. Everything was in good order. Thanks to our Business Administrator, Dorien VanderKooi, and Principal, Travis Eggink, for their work on these documents. Both these documents are available to view on our website under [Plans and Reports](#).
- THANK YOU to all our coaches and volunteers at CACHS! We are blessed to have so many parents and members from our Society who help in various ways from coaching and helping out with sports teams to serving on committees to helping with CACHS Catering events. We are truly grateful for the time and effort that goes into these various roles.
- On January 22nd we will meet together with the boards of PCS and RCS at CACHS to have PCCE lead us in a Board Development workshop.
- Our next regular board meeting will be on January 15th. Please feel free to email me or contact any board member if you have any questions or concerns.

*"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;  
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1*

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Our amazing team of coaches! (A few are missing from the photo).

# CACHS KNIGHTS ATHLETICS

By Travis Eggink

## ➤➤➤ OUR CACHS KNIGHTS ATHLETIC SEASON IS CHANGING GEARS

with the volleyball seasons coming to an end and basketball season getting going. Our hockey season continues along with some junior high recruits standing in when we are short high school players due to other commitments.

Our hockey season continues along with games on Friday and Saturday evenings, and practises every Monday morning at 7am.



*Then hockey team playing in Stettler*

Our girls and boys basketball teams have been practising since the start of November and had their first exhibition game on Nov. 28 at home versus Lacombe Composite JV teams. Our teams has their first tournament Dec. 1 and 2 at LCHS, and their league play starts December 6th at the new David Thompson High School. We are thankful for our coaches as this season gets started:

- Girls' Basketball: Aaron (CACHS Grad '12) and Ashley DenOudsten, Mr. Reed and Mrs. Mcleod
- Boys' Basketball: Mrs. DenOudsten, Jon Bell (CACHS Grad '17), Ben Ford (CACHS Grad '13), and Matt Weenink (CACHS Grad '06).

Our senior girls and boys volleyball teams had a great weekend Nov. 17-18 hosting CASAA zone championships. Our girls team ended their season by losing a heart-breaker in the zone championship final to a strong Our Lady of Mount Pleasant Catholic School from Camrose, and our boys won their tournament final versus Camrose Composite High School. The boys team went on to compete in the 3A provincial championships in Strathmore. After an exciting and intense final game for bronze against the Strathmore High School, our boys came in 4th place!

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*Boys Volleyball team winning 1st place in the Zone Championship*



*The girl's team have a fun warm-up routine! Scan the QR code to check it out!*





# CACHS KNIGHTS ATHLETICS

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*Coach Kim*

We would like to acknowledge Coach Kim's time coaching our boys' volleyball team at CACHS coming to an end (for now). For the past seven years, Kim has faithfully given hundreds of hours each year and achieved impressive results with our student-athletes. Kim has been a great partner in maintaining a high standard of excellence with our student-athletes on and off the court. Highlights along the way have included four provincial championships in 2018, 2019, 2021, and 2023. We are grateful for her service through coaching and want to congratulate her on an incredible seven year run with our boys volleyball program!

Fans and spectators are welcome and encouraged to come out and cheer on the CACHS Knights at all games and events. All competitions are posted on the school calendar located at the bottom of the school website homepage - [www.cachs.ca](http://www.cachs.ca).

Livestream: CACHS is now on YouTube! We have tested our livestream equipment and we are now broadcasting athletic events in our gym on our YouTube channel @CACHSKnights.

***Go! Knights! Go!***



*Boys Volleyball team at Provincials*

Scan QR code to access the YouTube Channel!



*Boys Volleyball team at Provincials*

*All boy's volleyball photos credit to:  
Gayle Vreugdenhill*

# CLASS OF 2024 NEWS

By Cassandra Krause

## »»» HELLO STUDENTS, STAFF & FAMILIES

We are 3 months into the school year and our graduation committee for this year's graduating class is hard at work making decisions and collecting feedback from the rest of the class. The committee consists of:

Isabelle Prins - President  
 Dasha Ulianova - Vice-president  
 Raegan Folkerts - Secretary  
 Chris Wildeboer - Co-trip coordinator  
 Brooklyn Zandberg - General adjunct  
 Mrs. Jenna VanderVeen - Teacher representative  
 Mrs. Cassandra Krause - Staff representative  
 Mrs. Kim Haan - Board/parent representative

The first two fundraisers of the year have closed (Purdy's and Growing Smiles) and both were a great success! Those who ordered will receive messages over the next couple of weeks with pickup details or you can contact your supporting graduate to arrange delivery. We also had a few grads organize and execute a snack concession during a couple volleyball tournaments that CACHS hosted.

The committee is also working with the rest of the class on choosing a theme and verse for this year. Plans are underway for both the year-end ceremony and the grad trip that typically happens in the spring. We are in the beginning stages of research and planning excitedly for both events. If you are a parent of a graduate and did not receive the update letter last week, please email or call the office and Mrs. Krause will make sure you receive that. Any further questions about grad, feel free to contact the office and your message will be passed along to the committee.

Thank you so much for your great support already to our graduating class of 2024!



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**Purdys Chocolate Total**  
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**Top Sales:**  
**Brayden Salomons**

**Growing Smiles**  
**Sold \$9K**  
**Profit \$2400**

**Top Sales:**  
**Mikenna Wildeboer**

## CACHS ALUMNI VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

This year's Alumni Volleyball Tournament will be held December 22 and 23. If you have any questions or have a team to enter, please text Colleen VanderSchee at 403-302-2659.

# ALUMNI NEWS

What's going on?

## >>> ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: SAY HELLO TO THEO!

- **What is your full name?** Theo Ollewagen
- **What year did you graduate from CACHS?** 2019
- **How many years did you attend CACHS?** All three!
- **What is a core memory you have about CACHS?**

Playing ping pong at every possible moment in grade 10. We would run down the hallway after class to get in line early for the chance to beat Reuben Wildeboer at first to five kings court rules.



- **What is your biggest takeaway in values, beliefs and morals from CACHS that you feel has guided you or been a foundation piece in your life after high school?**

CACHS being a smaller school means it has a great sense of community. Seeing how the teachers truly care for their students and believe in them, makes the students believe in themselves. Life outside of high school is full of uncertainty, so having confidence in yourself and your abilities is crucial.

- **If you had to go back and do your high school experience all over again, what would you change and why? (If anything)**

I would have played basketball so that Mrs Denoudsten would stop hounding me to be on the team every chance she got.

- **Where did you go after high school and where do you live now?**

I worked for Dennis Borren at Borren Builders for the summer after high school to get some construction experience, then I moved out to Calgary to go to SAIT.

- **What career path did you take and where are you working right now?**

I am an architectural technologist at GEC Architecture in Calgary. I graduated from SAIT in 2021 and went straight to work at a different architecture firm in May. I then switched to work at GEC in January 2023.

- **What is the best part about your job or the work you are doing?**

I get to be creative and work within teams of people who have a lot of knowledge about architecture. I'm learning constantly about random things from the height of a Zamboni's ice dumping bucket, to which panes of glass get chemical coatings applied to them for energy efficient windows.

- **If you could give advice to your high school self, what would it be?**

Hangout with your friends every chance you get.

- **Thanks for your time! Is there anything else you want to share?**

What I found important about high school is not so much what you learn, but how you learn. Whether you're working after school, or going to post secondary, you've gotta be soaking up information every chance you get. Use high school as an opportunity to figure out how to get the information you need to ask informed questions. People are more likely to help you out if you put some work in before asking them something.

*\*If you know an alumni who you would like us to feature, please email Mrs. Trenchuk at [developmentdirector@cachs.ca](mailto:developmentdirector@cachs.ca)\**



# OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

What's going on?

## ➤➤➤ POST SECONDARY DAY

The gym was a buzz Wednesday afternoon with several post-secondary institutions set up with their swag and view books! So many options, so many opportunities, so many pens and brochures to read! The future may seem a little fuzzy and unclear, but know and believe that God has big plans for you! Listen to God's leading, create a plan, and take action! The opportunities are endless! "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 Thank you Mrs. Den Oudsten for organizing this event to open up our horizons to explore and create a successful and bright future!

## ➤➤➤ OUTDOORS CLUB

At CACHS our Outdoors Club encourages students to explore the wonderful creation that Central Albertans can access in the Rocky Mountains. For our one-day semester break (Jan. 31) ski trip we plan to go to Lake Louise Ski Resort, and hope to fill DenOudsten's bus with students and chaperones. Lake Louise Ski Resort requires all school group members to take a 1 hour lesson at their skill level. Even experienced skier/boarders find real value in learning and exploring the slopes during these lessons. The trip will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis. There are four things that students need to do to join our ski trip:

1. Click the link here and complete the Registration form by Jan. 15th: <https://forms.gle/A8y8in1fRcweBCiN8>
2. Click the link here and complete the Waiver (fill out the "Season Pass" waiver): <https://waivers.edgeauditor.com/auto-setup/llsr/kd0nay>
3. Go to the school office to collect a CACHS trip waiver and return it completed to the office by Jan. 15th.

Pay your fees to the CACHS office by January 15, 2024.

## ➤➤➤ EUROPE TRIP

With 48 travellers, we have the largest group in CACHS history headed to Europe over the upcoming Spring Break. Our trip includes guided tours of the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Trevi Fountain, Sistine Chapel, Roman Catacombs, Pompeii ruins, Olympic Stadium, Acropolis, Parthenon, and many other stops in between!

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# STUDENT OF THE MONTH

By CACHS Teachers

## ➤➤➤ DREW DYKSTRA, GRADE 12

Drew embodies leadership, character and dedication. As captain of the Volleyball team, he not only shows exceptional sportsmanship but also inspires his team mates with his unwavering commitment and passion for the game. Beyond the court, Drew's presence in the classroom is equally impactful. His diligent work ethic sets an example for his peers. Drew is dependable and always ready to lend a helping hand. His positive attitude, servant heart and dedication make him a true role model for the school community. Congratulations Drew!



# DECEMBER EVENTS IN A GLANCE

**December 9:** Hockey - CACHS at Ponoka

**December 13:** GBB/BBB CACHS at St. Dominics

**December 15-16:** GBB/BBB Edmonton tournament

**December 20:** GBB/BBB Ponoka at CACHS

**December 22-23:** CACHS Alumni VB tournament

**December 22:** No school - Christmas break

**January 8:** Back to School

For a more detailed calendar of events, please go to our website and scroll to the bottom of the home page. <https://www.cachs.ca/>

Or scan the QR code below to be directed to our website:



If you have photos of any of our school events that you would like to share, please email them to [developmentdirector@cachs.ca](mailto:developmentdirector@cachs.ca). Thank you!

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# CLASSES AT A GLANCE

By Veronica Den Oudsetn

## >>> A QUICK SUMMARY OF WHAT'S GOING IN EACH CLASS . . .

**Math 10C:** When in doubt, graph it out!

**Science 10:** Going microscopic with plant cells

**Bible 10:** Father Abraham had many sons

**Photography:** Taking pictures and evaluating them while building a portfolio

**Cosmetology:** Washing and blow drying

**Psychology:** Curiosity - is it just for cats

**CALM:** Am I ready to be an adult yet?

**First Aid:** "I know first aid - can I help!"  
Students are learning IFA level C CPR/AED

**PE 10:** Net sports and cold water sports

**Social 20:** It's a revolution baby! (French)

**English 20:** "Kill the pig! Slit her throat! Bash her in!" - LotF

**PE 20/30:** Off campus programming: gymnastics, rockclimbing, weight training

**Chem 20:**  $\text{PH}=\text{POH}=\text{POOH}$  Not

**Foods 20:** Perfecting pasty and pies

**Woodshop:** Projects continue

**English 30:** The darkness of Night

**Social 30:** "It's the economy, stupid!"  
(Bill Clinton, 1992)

**Math 30-1:** It is about to get triggy up in here

**Math 30-3:** Class is about to be transformative

**Math 30-2:** Polynomials

**Chem 30:** Finding equilibrium

**Science 30:** It's electrifying

**Physics 30:** Light - wave - particle - or both?







# COMMUNITY NEWS

What's going on?

## >>> CACHS CATERING OPPORTUNITY!

CACHS Catering is off and running and we need people to step up to this great fundraising opportunity for our school! CACHS Catering is a group of volunteers that partner with HT Catering to provide high quality meals and service for large events. Proceeds from these events are given to CACHS to enhance programming for students.

We do not have any events in December, but we still need volunteers! If you would like to help out, please contact Lance Goedhart at 403-963-0553 or sign up online: <https://volunteersignup.org/JAD89>.

Thank you to those who over the many years have helped CACHS Catering in support of independent Christian Secondary Education in Central Alberta!

## >>> POWERSCHOOL PORTAL

Did you know both parents and students have access to PowerSchool? There is a host of information in the portal including current course/assignment marks, teacher comments and email contact, student schedules, important school details updated weekly and more!



Did you also know you already have an account set up? It is available both web based and an app for all mobile devices. If you need help logging in for the first time or the tenth time contact Cassandra at [office@cachs.ca](mailto:office@cachs.ca) or come see her at the CACHS office. Download the app or save this link to portal: <https://cach.powerschool.com/public/home.html>

## >>> CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!

Students and parents, we are talking to you!!! The Yearbook Team is always looking for pictures of events involving our CACHS students. If you have any photos of sports events, team photos, field trips, or any pictures of the day-to-day happenings at CACHS, please send them to Mrs. Vander Veen at [jvanderveen@cachs.ca](mailto:jvanderveen@cachs.ca).

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# Fall Drive Goal

## \$200,000

### Rising to His Challenge 1 Timothy 4:12

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