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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



'TIS THE SEASON TO BE MERRY!

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PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS

By Travis Eggink

➤➤➤ ONE OF THE CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS IN OUR HOME

is reading from Ann Voskamp's "Unwrapping the greatest gift: A family celebration of Christmas" starting December 1st and ending on Christmas Day. Our children have joined in our tradition each day by hanging the Jesse Tree ornaments that Mary has painstakingly hand sewed. Reading through Voskamp's book each Advent season helps us read the Bible through the refreshing Christmas lens.

As we break from CACHS activities for Christmas time with friends, families, and our communities, I hope that the excerpt below from Voskamp's book helps bring to life the joy of Christmas as well!



So that snake sneaked up to Eve, wrapped his own lie tight around her and hissed his poison right into her heart: "God doesn't really love you. God doesn't really give you good-enough things. God doesn't really give the gift of love all the time." ... This is the painful loneliness that we call the Fall. Adam and Eve ran and hid and fell away from the closeness of God.

...

When we've fallen, and when we're lost, God comes with one question. Not the question "Why did you do that?" not the question "What did you do wrong?" The very first God-question of the Old Testament, of the whole Bible, is a love question howling out of God's heart: "Where are you?" God's love never stops looking for you, trying to find you and gently draw you back close to Him.

...

And what was the very first question of the New Testament of the Bible? The very first question in all of the New Testament of the Bible was that of the wise men asking everyone after Jesus' birth: "Where is He?" Really wise men and women never stop looking for God. And because your really wise God is love, He never stops looking for you. (Voskamp, p. 19-21)

May each of you be blessed with experiencing God's great gift of love during this Christmas season. Merry Christmas from my family to each of you!

Source: Voskamp, Ann. *Unwrapping the Greatest Gift: A Family Celebration of Christmas*. Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 2014.

BOARD NOTES

By Andrea Thalen, Board Secretary

>>> AS THIS YEAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE

we look back on 2023 and praise God for the many ways He has blessed our school and school community. In this Christmas season we especially remember and give thanks for the greatest gift God has given us: Jesus our Saviour!

On behalf of our school Society, the Development Committee showed appreciation and gratitude to the Building Blocks Thrift Store staff and volunteers by delivering homemade Christmas goodies every day last week. Thanks to these volunteers for your time and effort in supporting CACHS!

The Fall Drive continues to the end of the calendar year with a goal of raising \$200,000 to go towards the operations of our school. Thanks to all those who have already donated! Donations received by December 31, 2023 will receive a 2023 charity receipt.

The Board will meet for the first time in 2024 on January 15th. Please don't hesitate to contact a board member with any questions or concerns or email me at secretary@cachs.ca.

On behalf of the Board, may you and your families have a safe and joyous Christmas Season and a blessed New Year!

"May the Lord of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in Him!" Romans 15:13

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COMMUNITY FEATURE

By Development Team

>>> DID YOU KNOW?

Building Blocks Thrift Store

Located at 5111 50th Avenue in Downtown Lacombe

- When was BB established?
 - 2003
- What is the purpose and mission?
 - Provide tuition relief for families sending their children to Lacombe Christian School and CACHS
 - Funds are donated to the schools for the schools to decide where they are needed
 - Last year each school received \$100,000!!
 - The purpose was intended to support Christian education for the glory of God
- How does it function?
 - Volunteers from the LCS and CACHS schools' community work at the store
 - All items that are sold are all donated
- What kind of items can you donate as well as find at the store to buy?
 - Items available for purchase range from kitchen products, school/office supplies, books, furniture, clothes, shoes, home decor and so much more!
- How many volunteers in a year?
 - There were close to 30 volunteers this past year
 - We need more volunteers! Visit the store or call the Manager Elysia Vis at 403.782.9511 to sign up! They specifically need someone willing to run the cash register on Thursdays from 1-5pm.

In May of 2022, over 2.5 million dollars had been donated!

Thank you for your support! 

Scan the QR code to follow Building Blocks on Facebook for store updates and more!



Some of the amazing staff and volunteers!

CACHS KNIGHTS ATHLETICS

>>> DECEMBER BASKETBALL HIGHLIGHTS



Both girls and boys basketball teams have had several games at CACHS and at other schools this month. Coming up, we will host the Basketball Invitational Tournament on January 12 and 13, 2024.

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.

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!



Scan QR code to access the YouTube Channel!



ALUMNI NEWS

What's going on?

>>> ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: SAY HELLO TO CHRISTINA!

- **What is your full name?** Christy (Reed) Shange
- **What year did you graduate from CACHS?** 2002
- **How many years did you attend CACHS?** Three
- **What is a core memory you have about CACHS?** It's been awhile since I graduated so there isn't one core memory that sticks out but I'm so grateful for the good friendships I had, and still have, from my time at CACHS.
- **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?** I'm really thankful for the close knit community we had at CACHS and for how normal it was to talk about God, or our faith, in high school.



It was something I took for granted back then but which I realise is really special now. Having worked as a teacher and realised how much work it is behind the scenes, I am also really thankful for the teachers we had and how they invested in us. The Bethel CRC youth group trips to the soup kitchen and to Tijuana to build houses really made a deep impact in my life as well and laid the foundation for the work I do today.



- **Where did you go after high school and where do you live now?** After high school, I joined YWAM and studied Peacemaking and Reconciliation in Belfast, Northern Ireland. My time there took me to several countries with a history of conflict, including South Africa, where I met my husband who also worked with YWAM Ireland for awhile. After we got married, we chose to live here in Durban, South Africa. I've lived here now for 16 years.
- **What career path did you take and where are you working right now?** I studied at the University of South Africa. I have a double major in Anthropology and English Lit and a postgrad in

Children's Education. I worked as a teacher here for a little while but for the past three years, my husband and I have been living in a Zulu township (an impoverished and racially segregated community created during South Africa's Apartheid era) and working in the community here. We serve through the platform of our nonprofit called Imbizo Foundation and are currently building a youth centre here. You can find out more about what we do at www.imbizofoundation.com

ALUMNI NEWS

What's going on?

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- **What is the best part about your job or the work you are doing?** Our work is very challenging at times but the best part is getting to come alongside young people, hearing their stories and seeing their lives change for the better. Growing up in such a difficult setting means that most people in our community are focused on surviving and have never been able to dream about their future. Teaching them and introducing them to God, who promises to have good plans for their future, gives them so much hope and brings about a transformation that makes all the challenges worth it.

- **If you could give advice to your high school self, what would it be?** I often think about how I could never have dreamt or imagined the life I am living now, when I was in high school. I think the advice I would give myself back then would be to dream big and that God's plans for us are even greater than we could dream or imagine ourselves. Sometimes we will go through things that will really shake or break us, but that in the end, God is faithful and He will turn all things out for the good of those who love Him.
- **Thanks for your time! Is there anything else you want to share?** For anyone who would like to find out more about what we do here, feel free to get in touch. My email is shange.christina@gmail.com

If you know an alumni who you would like us to feature, please email Mrs. Trenchuk at developmentdirector@cachs.ca

Thanks to those who came to the Alumni Volleyball tournament! We had a good turnout and proceeds of the event went to the CACHS Volleyball fund. Save the date for next year - Dec 20/21.



Mens Winning Team (L-R): Tyler Capton, David Prins, Jason Seibenga, Hans Doef, Andrew Kuipers, Paul Doef, Matt Keller, Matt Anderson (missing from photo).



Ladies Winning Team! Front row: Allie Mantel, Alanna Taekema, Julie Doef. Back row: Hailey Perry, Maddox Mantel, Hannah Kuipers, Lola Doef.

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

What's going on?

>>> HIGHWAY CLEANUP

A first in CACHS history! Our highway cleanup happened in the month of December! With so many events in the fall, we missed this one. Thankfully, our mild winter temps allowed the grade 10 Bible class to go and do our part for the community.

After several bags filled with all kinds of goodies - from tiny pieces of paper garbage to big pipe debris, rusty wire to dirty old toys, a dead cat and even a \$20 bill - this class did an amazing job cleaning up CACHS's portion of the highway!

They were rewarded with pizza for all their hard work! We encourage you to do your part - DO NOT LITTER! Let's keep City of Lacombe clean!



>>> STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council would like to thank all CACHS students and staff for your generosity! A total of \$1095.40 was raised for the FCSS Fill a Fridge campaign. Student Council Advisor, Diane McLeod, delivered the cheque.

Make sure to save the date to attend the Winter Formal on January 19th!





JANUARY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

January 12: Basketball Invitational Tournament

January 13: Basketball Invitational Tournament

January 15: CACHS Board Meeting

January 16: BBB at St. Joseph (Red Deer)

January 17: GBB/BBB CACHS at Pigeon Lake

January 19: CACHS Winter Formal

January 20: Hockey - CACHS at Winfield

January 24: Last day of Semester 1 Classes

January 31: Semester Break/Staff Colab Day

January 31: Ski Trip Lake Louise - Outdoors Club

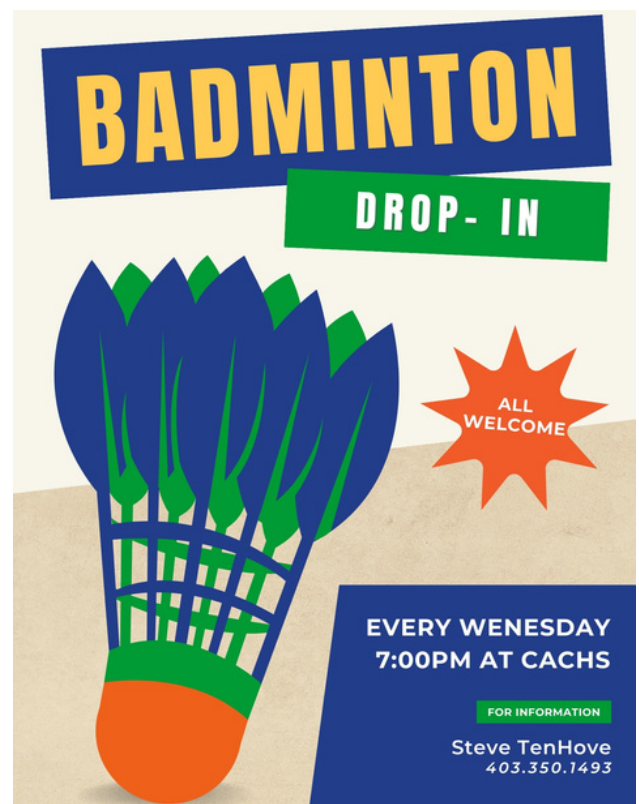
Diploma and regular exams will be administered throughout the month. Good luck to all!

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. Thank you!



DECEMBER IN REVIEW

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

By CACHS Teachers

ELLEN ROSEBOOM, GRADE 11

The CACHS December student of the month is Ellen Roseboom. Ellen is very studious, contributes to class discussions, and is very involved in extracurricular activities at CACHS.

Ellen is the student council secretary, is on yearbook committee, and plays on the school handball team. Ellen is a very bubbly, upbeat, friendly person that is willing to help out others and always strives to do her best in all things.

Congratulations, Ellen, on being the student of the month!



COMMUNITY NEWS

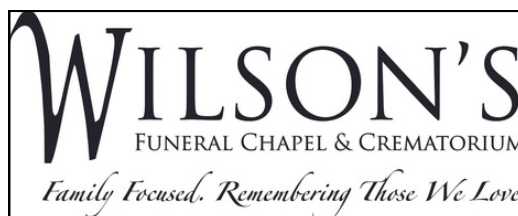
What's going on?

CACHS CATERING OPPORTUNITY!

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.

CACHS Catering need people to step up to this great fundraising opportunity for our school! If you would like to help out, please contact Lance Goedhart at 403-963-0553 or sign up online at <https://volunteersignup.org/JAD89>.

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