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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



2023/2024 EUROPE TRIP GROUP AT THE COLOSSEUM

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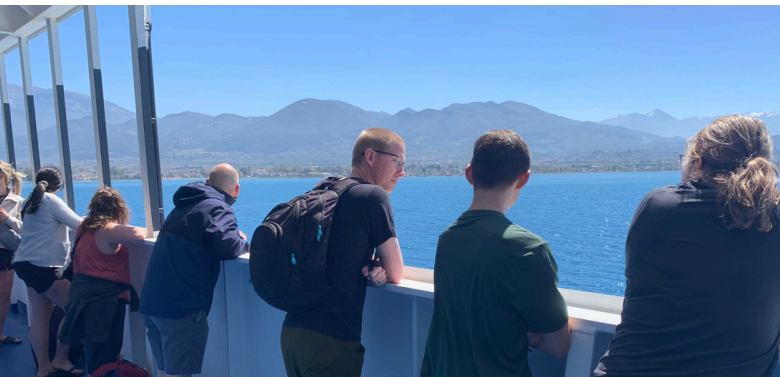
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PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS

By Travis Eggink

>>> I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF

being part of our Europe trip to Italy, Vatican City State and Greece over our Spring Break. I was blessed by the eagerness of our group members to take in the sights and lessons that each stop offered. For many in the group this was their first time in Europe, first time getting their passport stamped, first time on an overnight ferry, first time travelling without their parents, etc. Exploring the roots of our Western Civilization was a great adventure for all of us.



Many moments along the trip stand out as exceptional, but walking through the Vatican museums and grounds was a compelling experience. It was incredible to witness and learn about Michaelangelo's mastery of painting (Sistine Chapel painting), sculpture (The Pietà), and architecture (St. Peter's Basilica). Our excellent guides also explained how Emperor Nero blamed 1st Century Christians for the Great Fire of Rome, and how Nero persecuted Christians in response. Part of the persecutions included Emperor Nero having Peter the Apostle crucified upside down in the Circus of Nero, which was on the same ground that St. Peter's Basilica now stands.

Our Vatican guides were clear about the great achievements of Christianity, but also the challenges humanity faces because of those that grossly misused the name of Jesus and the church to dominate distant people and lands. We left Vatican City State with much to ponder, and maybe a picture of a car that the pope was in!

A lot of effort and resources goes into these educational journeys, and they are wonderful experiences that we can offer our students. We are already beginning to make plans for our next Europe trip which will take place during our 2025-26 Spring Break. We look forward to another international trip where students can have their worldviews expanded and challenged during their educational journey with our Christian teachers. ✝



BOARD NOTES

By Andrea Thalen, Board Secretary

>>> WE HOPE YOU ALL WERE ABLE TO


enjoy a relaxing Spring Break, and a wonderful Easter weekend, remembering and celebrating Jesus Christ's sacrifice and love for us!

April has been a busier month for the Board. We welcomed PCCE into our school to conduct the in-person portion of the leadership review on April 18 and 19. Thanks to the students, staff and parents for their input in the surveys and also those who participated in the in-person interviews. At the time of writing this, the final report has not yet been written and presented to the board. The preliminary results from this review were very positive and encouraging and it is our prayer that this process can be used to assist Travis Eggink in his growth as a leader at CACHS as he continues to uphold our vision and mission of Christian education.

The Education Committee and the Board have interviewed candidates for two new positions: Cosmetology Instructor as well as an English/Social/PE teacher. We are pleased to let you know that we have hired Patricia Collette for the cosmetology position and Rachel Baong for the teaching position. Please pray that these individuals will be blessed as they start here at CACHS next school year.

Thank you to Matt Kraay and Matthew Fraser who have let their names stand for serving on our school board. There will be a motion to vote on their names at our society meeting. Thanks to Kim Haan and Paul Linker for serving CACHS as Board members for the past three years and will be finishing off their terms on the Board this year.

The Board would encourage all to attend the annual Society Meeting. Society Meeting Packages have been emailed out for your review prior to the meeting.

Our next Board meeting will be on Monday, May 27. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact any Board member or myself at secretary@cachs.ca 

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CACHS KNIGHTS ATHLETICS

>>> APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

Handball

Handball season is underway and our teams have had competitive tournaments in Edmonton, Lacombe and Red Deer. We look forward to Zone Championships in Irma May 3-4 and hopefully the ASAA provincial championships in Diamond Valley from May 9-11. Thank you to all of our coaches – Morgan de Boon, Eric Talsma, Geran Christiansen, David Nielson, Mrs. de Boon and Mrs. Baltzer – for all of their work!




CACHS1 team were the CACHS Invitational Winners

Track and Field

Coach Roger Van Haren and Mrs. Beukema have been training our track athletes for the past few weeks. Now are looking forward to track and field meets in Calgary, Grand Prairie, area championships (Red Deer), zone championships (Red Deer), and provincial championships (Edmonton). It will be a busy month of May and our track and field athletes are excited for the challenge! Thank you Roger for all your work and time, especially for getting the team on the track each week in Red Deer.

Soccer

CACHS once again has a boys soccer team competing in the Central Alberta High School Soccer League! We only have grade 10 and 11 students playing and we are looking forward to building a competitive team over the next couple of years. League play starts at the beginning of May and the season wraps up in the beginning of June. Thank you Jon Bell, Shelby Goedhart, Lance Goedhart, Trevor Luymes, and Mr. Eggink for stepping up to coach our boys team this year! 

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!



POV: EUROPE TRIP 2024

By Kaitlyn van de Velde

>>> FROM KAITLYN'S POINT OF VIEW

The 2024 Europe trip to Italy and Greece started off strong with 20 of us losing our luggage in Amsterdam by the time we got to Rome. Despite this hiccup, we took full advantage of our first day in Rome, meeting our guide, Daria, and started our afternoon roaming around the Piazza Navona visiting famous landmarks such as the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, Sant'Agnese in Agone and having our first taste of Italian food at dinner.



Our second day, we got a taste of Roman rain, soaking us to the bone and postponing our visit of the Colosseum and the Roman Forum until the evening, which was a blessing in disguise, as the sunset and warm weather were a wonderful accompaniment to our guide through the famous landmarks. Between drying off at the hotel and visiting the Colosseum and Roman Forum, we went through the Roman Catacombs of Domitilla.

Day three brought us to Vatican City, where we got tours through the city, museum and a quick visit through the Sistine Chapel. Later in the afternoon, we walked to Saint Peter's Square, where we spent our free time going into the Saint Peter's Basilica, shopping and eating gelato. After our dinner, we spent our free time walking through Rome, having late night pizza and gelato.

Our last day in Rome started early, with us leaving our hotel at 6:45 AM. We drove to Pompeii, where we had a Good Friday devotional and prayer time, and also had a tour through the ruins of Pompeii. After having a delicious lunch, we hopped back on the bus for a 4 hour journey to the ferry.



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After lunch we visited a local store that had many, many flavours of olive oil and balsamic creams. After having our fill of bread and oils, we shopped for a while and then made our way to the Archimedes' Museum, where we had a quick tour of the many inventions inside.



The next morning, some people got up extra early despite the time change to watch the sunrise and see the first glimpse of Greece. Beautiful sunny weather welcomed us as we got off the ferry at around 1pm and the open green landscape of orchards and vineyards was a wonderful view as we drove for 2 hours to Olympia. The late lunch was our first taste of Greek cuisine, and we quickly realized that Greece is obsessed with olive oil.



Overnight, we had to go through a one hour time change and woke up early to drive to Ancient Olympia, where we got a walking tour and the opportunity to run the race. Afterwards, we walked to the museum where the many artifacts from Olympia are on display.

We hopped on the bus again for a three and a half hour drive to Mycenae. Time driving there was filled with some singing and lots of naps. Our tour through Mycenae was incredibly interesting and very hot, and after walking down we got back on the bus once again to drive to Athens, stopping for a quick break and photos of the Corinth Canal. Once we reached our hotel, we had an evening devotional for Easter on the beach, and most of us went in the sea for a swim in the cold water.

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On our last day in Greece, we were busy. In the morning, we visited the Parthenon and the Acropolis, had our guide give us a bus tour through Athens, and then had a walking tour with our tour guide, Daria, to a Greek Orthodox church and to see the changing of the guards at the Unknown Soldier's grave.



Later in the evening we drove up to the Zafiro Experience and had our night filled with Greek cuisine, dancing, music and smashing plates. Some of us had the fun experience of dressing in traditional Greek clothing and then dancing together. Tired and ready for bed, we got back on the bus and headed to our hotel where we got ready for our early morning of travelling and got a maximum of 3 hours of sleep.



Our trip home was long, but Mrs. DenOudsten buying us all ice cream at the Minneapolis airport definitely helped encourage us along. Home safe and sound, with our luggage this time, we had jet lag that lasted a week and memories that will last a lifetime. And as Daria would say to wrap things up: okay bye! 🇬🇷

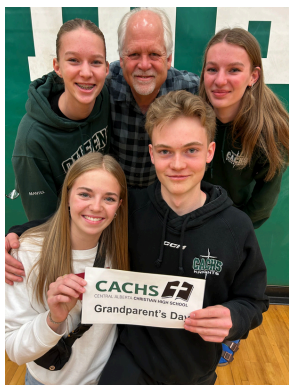
Thank you for sharing your photos: Jenna VanderVeen, Melissa Kuipers, Kaitlyn van de Velde, Jessica Dolman, Brooklyn Zanberg, Raegan Folkerts

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

What's going on?

»»» GRANDPARENT'S DAY

On Monday, April 22, we opened our doors to a group of extra special guests! Around 50 grandparents came to visit our school for the morning! Teachers put extra seats in their classrooms for the grandparents to join in. Some teachers even had them involved in the classwork! After class, students had an opportunity to give their grandparent(s) a school tour, grab some snacks, then head to the gym for a devotion by Principal Eggink and songs by the praise team. The morning ended with a chance for the students to get a photo taken with their grandparent(s) at the photobooth where they received a polaroid as their keepsake! It was a memorable event and we are already excited for next year's grandparent's day! 🏠



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OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

What's going on?

»»» ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION AWARDS

Each year the Royal Canadian Legion invites youth to honour Canada's Veterans and foster the tradition of Remembrance through visual art and writing.

On April 9th, at Legion Branch 79 in Lacombe, CACHS winners were acknowledged for their poster, poem, and essay entries in the National Youth Remembrance Contest.

Prize recipients included Raegan Folkerts, Jasmine Saw, Sammy Bott, Riann Bouwer, Jessica Dolman, David Hall, Gabe Klippenstein, Ellen Roseboom, and Anthony VandeGlind. 

-By Diane McLeod



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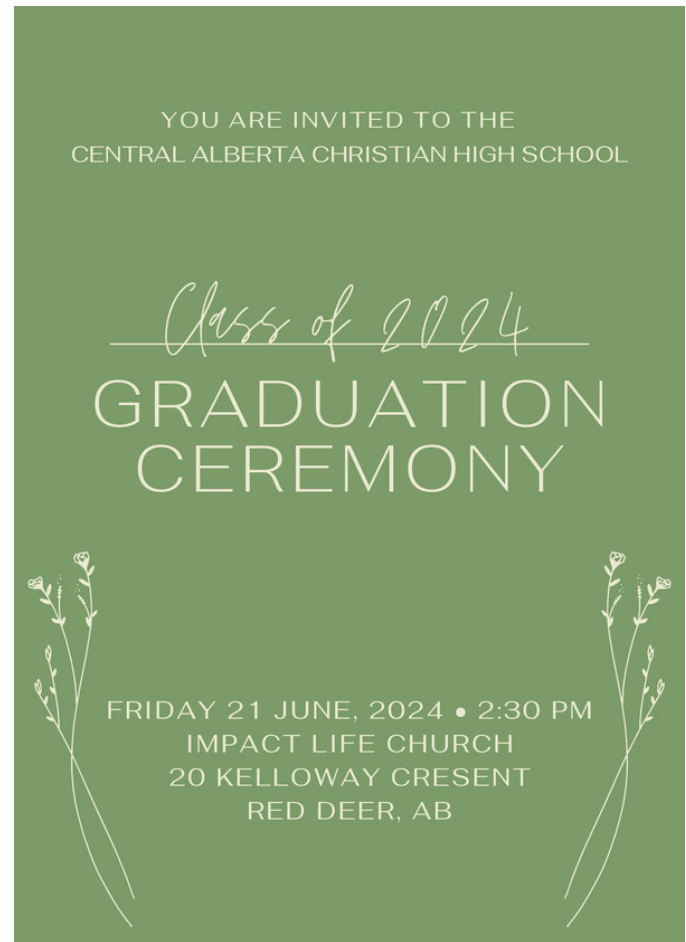
>>> GRADUATION UPDATE

The grad class of 2024 is excited to invite our community to their graduation ceremony on Friday, June 21. See the graduation ceremony invite for details. You can find a pdf version at this link: [Grad Invitation Options.pdf](#)

As we are now in the month of May, the grade 12 class is getting excited for the grad trip. The Grads will leave for their graduation trip at noon on Wednesday, May 22 and will be back at the school around 4pm on Friday, May 24. Grads, please complete the waiver for whitewater rafting. You can find the waiver in your email if you are over 18. If you are under 18, your parents will have it in their email. A permission form for the trip will soon be found in your Grad 2024 Google Classroom.

A reminder that grad fees will be due after the Grad trip (exact date TBD). Families are able to book a full table of 8 for the banquet dinner. The cost for the banquet tickets will be included in the grad fees dues.

We are looking for volunteers willing to help CACHS Catering for the graduation dinner as well. Please contact Lance at 403.963.0553 if you are able to help! 🍷



>>> CACHS FINANCIAL UPDATE

	Total as for March 31, 2024	Total Projected for 23/24
Total Revenues	\$1,535,311.64	\$2,023,953.89
Total Expenses	\$957,403.04	\$1,898,863.56
Surplus	\$577,908.59	\$125,090.33

Mortgage	
Sept 2023	\$483,250.00
Principal Payment Made	\$ 37,250.00
Mortgage Balance	\$446,000.00

CSF Balances as of March 31, 2024	
Endowment Fund	\$483,102.76
Long Term Sustainability	\$ 49,799.06

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

By CACHS Teachers

➤➤➤ KAITLYN VAN DE VELDE, GR. 12

Kaitlyn is a very kind and supportive student. She shares her musical talents with the chapel praise teams and supports her graduating class by taking a leadership role in planning the decorations for Graduation. Kaitlyn utilizes her artistic abilities in not only drama, music, and art classes but the kitchen too!

Kaitlyn plans to enter NAIT next year to further her culinary flair in the Baking and Pastry Program. Congratulations on being the April Student of the Month, Kaitlyn! 🏆



WELCOME BABY!

➤➤➤ CONGRATULATIONS!

We are happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Van Loo's new baby:


Oliver Wilko Van Loo

Born April 24, 2024 at 11:52pm

7lbs 9oz



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MAY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

May 3-4: Handball Zone Championships - Irma

May 6: CACHS Society meeting at 7.30pm

May 7: World of Choices - Grade 10 @ RDP

May 8: Skills Canada Trade Show - Grade 11

May 9-10: BHB/GHB ASAA Provincial Championship

May 13: Golf team - St. Joseph Tournament

May 14: Shop Field Trip

May 17 - 20: No School - Victoria Day long weekend

May 21: No School - Staff Collaboration Day

May 22 - 24: Grad Class Trip

May 27: CACHS Board Meeting

May 29: Track & Field Zone Championship Meet - RD

May 30: CACHS Arts Gala Evening (Industrial/Fine Arts)

June 5-6: Drama Production Performance

June 7: ASAA Track & Field Provincial Championship

Buy Your Drama Production Tickets Today!!!

The Rubber Room by Pat Cook

Dates: Wednesday, June 5
Thursday, June 6, 2024

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>>> APRIL HAPPENINGS



BIOLOGY 20 - FETAL PIG DISSECTION



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SCI 24/BIO 20 - RIVERWATCH TRIP

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>>> STUDENT COUNCIL DANCE

