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## CENTRAL ALBERTA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

# **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. I Tim. 4:12



## **ALUMNI VS. CURRENT STUDENTS HOCKEY NIGHT**

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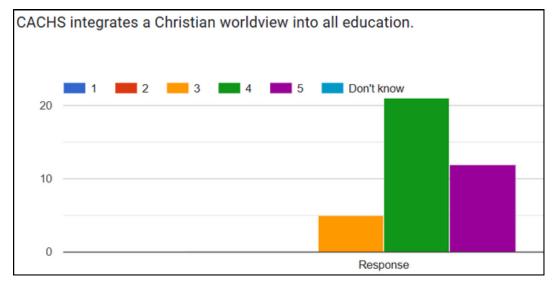
## Principal's Ponderings

## By Travis Eggink

This past week I was blessed to join over 750 Christian school leaders from around the globe at Converge 2025 in Orlando. Converge is a biennial conference held by Christian Schools International (CSI) and Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). Joining Christian school leaders that represent over six million students(!) from around the globe was a humbling and encouraging experience. Such a large gathering of Christian school people inevitably leads to making some new friends and meeting some old ones too. During the conference I bumped into my 10th Grade English teacher Mr. Cook who is now the Director of Learning at Edvance Christian Schools Association, which is an organization of Christian schools in Ontario and Eastern Canada. I was also greeted during the conference by an old friend from my time at Redeemer University, Willem de Ruijter, who is now working on his Ph. D. at Geneva College in Pennsylvania. Willem recently finished a book with his university president titled A framework for Biblical integration and learning: A practical guide to faithful Christian learning in the classroom.

The book offers excellent guidance for teachers to dig into both their faith and profession, and become "Christian teachers" and not just teachers who are Christians. After talking with many school leaders and listening to keynote and sessional speakers, I was left with the theme of the conference: "Faithfully Present, Courageously Good." Some questions that follow are: How is the culture at CACHS? What roles does CACHS have in our local communities? How is CACHS doing in its goals of Faith Formation and Quality Teaching and Learning?

Each year in the Spring our Grade 12s complete the CACHS Application to Graduation, which includes a short survey of questions regarding students' experiences at CACHS. The following are some results from our 2024 graduates, and further results can be found on our website in our Annual Education Results Report 2024. These results are helpful for our school administration team to track and measure how we are doing as we pursue the vision and mission of CACHS.



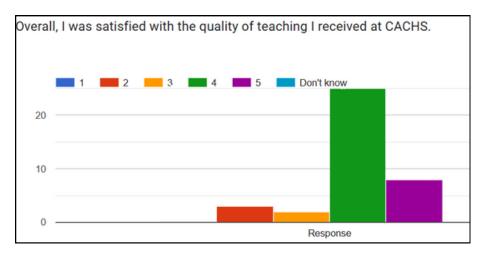
Results collected from CACHS Graduates Graduation Application 2024.

Likert scale responses:

- 1 strongly disagree
- 2 disagree
- 3 neither agree nor disagree
- 4 agree
- 5 strongly agree
- 6 do not know

"In classes we were always encouraged, especially in social and science courses to take a figurative step back and see what God was doing and has done. In everything we did we were always told to do it to the best of our abilities that God gave us." - CACHS Graduate response, collected in Graduation Application 2024

## **Principal's Ponderings Continued**

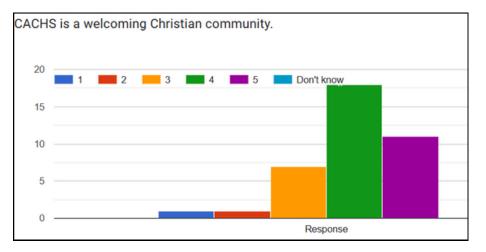


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"It [CACHS] gave education in a Christian perspective, and allowed me to explore my own faith as well as improve my own education." - CACHS Graduate response, collected in Graduation Application 2024



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"CACHS has lived out its Mission and Vision statements while I have been here at CACHS. I have gotten a good education that will set me up for success in the future, within a Christian community. This is important because we are able to talk about God in everything. It is also a very safe and encouraging community. The Christian teachers are good examples on how to live our lives. Trying your best or "striving for excellence" is definitely something that is valued within CACHS. We are encouraged to work hard at everything we do, for we are doing it for God." - CACHS Graduate response, collected in Graduation Application 2024

I am often impressed by our Grade 12s maturity and the appreciation that they show towards their teachers and parents as they finish the last few months of their K-12 educational journey. As CACHS staff we are mindful of the great efforts that families have made to make Chrisitan education possible for their children. We are also grateful for the partnership that parents desire with our teachers as together we are Striving for Excellence in Christ (vision for CACHS)

and pursuing Transformative Education within a Christian Community (mission for CACHS).

I don't think that we have it all together at CACHS, but I do believe that the Lord has been faithful and that the Holy Spirit is at work in Christian schools across the country, around the globe and in Central Alberta! As we remain guided by our vision and mission at CACHS, may we all ponder the challenge of being Faithfully Present and Courageously Good in our school and extended communities.

## **Principal's Ponderings Continued**

A reminder to parents and guardians of CACHS students to complete the 2025 Alberta Education Assurance Surveys have been emailed out at the beginning of March. The deadline for these surveys to be completed is March 20th. The Assurance Surveys provide CACHS and Alberta Education with valuable feedback regarding the quality of education your child receives. Data from these surveys informs our Annual Education Results Report as well as our Education Plans made for future CACHS improvement.

Parents receive information to access the online survey in English or French directly from Alberta Education via Canada Post.

Parents requiring a survey in a language other than English or French are instructed to contact their school principal. Punjabi, Cree, Korean, Denesųłįne, Tagalog, Chinese (Traditional or Simplified), Arabic, Spanish or Urdu translations are currently available.

Parents requiring a replacement RAC: are to contact System Assurance Branch directly at EDC.SystemAssurance@gov.ab.ca or (780) 643-9193 (dial 310-0000 for toll-free access). Parents are to provide the name of the school, school authority (or principal name) and grade of the student. No personal information about the student (name, age, or ASN) is required.

To read a full report of the **Budget 2025: AISCA's Response and Advocacy for Independent Schools** click here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/IPIAf7QA3PoRZgaBzlWwA4gYiz0YHgoMD/view?usp=sharing



Glimpses from the Partners In Education Night aka PIE Night. More details about this event on page 7 and 8.









## **Financial Updates**

## By Dorien Vanderkooi, Business Administrator

	Total \$ as of Jan 31, 2025	Total Projected \$ for 24/25
Total Revenues:	\$1,035,826.00	\$2,087,831.00
Total Expenses	\$ 768,911.00	\$2,032,503.00
Surplus (deficit):	\$ 266,915.00	\$ 55,328.00

Mortgage	
Sept 2024	\$418,000.00
Principal Payment Made	
Mortgage Balance	\$418,000.00

CSF Balances as of Jun 30, 2024		
Endowment Fund	\$490,650.07	
Long Term Sustainability	\$78,104.92	



# \$1,000,000,000

\$1 Trillion Dollars is transferring between generations in Canada in the next 24 months. That's one million million dollars moving via Wills and estate plans.

Your supporters – who love your school and its mission – want to see a significant portion of this transfer be diverted away from taxes toward your school as a charitable gift.

Why aren't your supporters putting your school in their Will? Quite simply, because they need to be asked. Don't have your school stand on the sidelines when you have the opportunity to see your supporters achieve the goals God has planted within them: to build the Kingdom through Christian education.

Your school joined the Foundation so that we could make it as seamless and straightforward as possible for your supporters to accomplish the goal they already desire: to foster a strong Christian education option for the next generations in your area.

Take the first step forward. Arrange an event at your school that will bless and delight your donors and bless and strengthen your school in ways you may not even be able to imagine.

Call Sierra at the Christian School Foundation and arrange a Will Planning 101 or Effective Giving seminar. It is time to be active and participate in this unique historic moment.



Donors **INCREASE** annual giving **75%** after arranging a gift in their Will.



90% of faithful repeat donors are willing to consider a gift in their Will. They need to be asked.



Average gift left in a Will: **\$52,000+** 



Average gift left in a Will through Foundation partner, Christian Stewardship Services: \$230,000.



**80%** of people who meet with CSS create a Will that **includes** a charitable gift.

## Students of the Month

**January** 

Student of the month

> AADRA BETTS



**February** 

Student of the month

> KURTUS PIERSON



We are thrilled to have this young woman join our grade twelve class this year. She quickly immersed herself in life at CACHS, joining the Book Club and helping Mr. Reed with the sound system for Assemblies. We enjoy her musical talents as well. Adept on several instruments, she is a member of the Burman orchestra. This kind and thoughtful student is also very studious! After graduation, she plans to begin studies towards becoming an astrophysicist. Congratulations Aadra Betts on being chosen the January Student of the Month!

Kurtus is a wonderful ambassador for CACHS. He is thoughtful, generous, and hospitable towards everyone he meets. During our Grade 8/9 visiting day, Kurtus was an eager helper for Mrs. Siebenga and those trying out welding. His kind demeanor, infectious smile and attention to detail were a great blessing to those visiting our school. Furthermore, Kurtus is a positive team member of our hockey team regardless of the role he is given. Congratulations Kurtus on being our February student of the month!

Our Supporters















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## **Board Notes**

#### By Andrea Thalen, Board Secretary

We are well into our second semester and have welcomed a new staff member and two new students. Ralph Bochinski is our new mechanics instructor for our growing shop program. Promise and Callysta Crowthers join our grade 11 and 10 classes this semester. We pray that the transition to a new school will go well for them! Please also 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.

A big thank-you to Darrell Stang who hosted the CACHS staff. board members, committee members, coaches and other volunteers for our "Partners In Education" aka PIE Night dinner gathering on January 13th. We were able to enjoy a delicious meal (catered by HT catering) and social time together at this beautiful venue while showing appreciation to all the volunteers that help make CACHS the great school that it is! Thank-you also to our development director Myla Trenchuk for organizing the evening. It was great to come together as a community and give thanks to God through singing and devotion. We hope you were able to see some glimpses of this evening on the CACHS social media.

The maintenance committee was able to obtain a \$50,000 grant from Alberta Ed for our dual credit program. These funds are being used to update/renovate the computer classroom to make this room a more functional multi-purpose space. We thank the committee for their work on this project.

Our next Board meeting is March 17, 2025. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact any Board member or email me at <a href="mailto:secretary@cachs.ca">secretary@cachs.ca</a>. ##

## 2024-2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mrs. Cindy Ekkel Board Chair

Matt Kraay Vice Chair/Education Chair

Mrs. Andrea Thalen Secretary

Mrs. Annette Roseboom Treasurer/Finance Committee

Matthew Fraser Education Committee

Mr. Rick Wildeboer Maintenance

Mrs. Becky Kooiker Development

Mr. Steve TenHove Finance



Our amazing volunteers! We are so grateful for you all!





# PIE Night Responsive Reading

#### **Board Chair:**

As we gather today, we are reminded of our mission at Central Alberta Christian High School: to provide transformative education within a Christian community. We commit ourselves to shaping the hearts and minds of our students to live for Christ in all areas of life, striving for excellence through Him.

## **Teachers:**

As teachers we will strive to provide transformative education, equipping students to live out their faith and pursue excellence in all areas of life. We commit to working in unity, with a shared vision and purpose, to guide our students to become servant leaders for Christ.

## **Support Staff:**

As support staff we are grateful for the opportunity to support this mission through our roles. Every task, whether seen or unseen, is an important part of the transformation that God is working in the lives of students. We seek to serve with excellence, knowing we contribute to His purpose.

## **Athletics Coaches:**

In athletics, we teach our student-athletes to strive for excellence, not only in their skills but in their character. We seek to instill perseverance, discipline, and teamwork, demonstrating the love of Christ in every game and practice.

## All Volunteers:

We offer our time, talents, and resources, trusting that our service helps create an environment where excellence thrives and students can grow in faith. Through our efforts, we reflect Christ's love and commitment to CACHS.

## **Board Members:**

As Board members we embrace our responsibility as stewards of CACHS, making decisions that align with God's will. We strive to uphold a vision of excellence through Christ, guiding the school toward a future that honors Him in every area of life.

## **All Together:**

We are united in the mission of CACHS, each playing a unique and valuable role. Through Christ, we seek excellence in all things—academic, spiritual, relational, and in every act of service.

#### Finance Committee Member:

We recognize the importance of financial stewardship in fulfilling the mission of CACHS. We commit ourselves to managing resources wisely, ensuring that the funds entrusted to us are used to further God's work in our community.

#### **Education Committee:**

The Education Committee is tasked with advising the board on the Christian direction and quality of the CACHS's programs and staff. We dedicate ourselves to supporting our teachers in their important work, offering encouragement, guidance, and resources to help them lead students in accordance with the school's mission.

## **Maintenance Committee:**

In maintaining the physical environment of our school, we understand that a clean, safe, and welcoming space is essential for learning and growth. We commit to serving with integrity and diligence, ensuring that our facilities are a reflection of God's care for His people.

## **Development Committee:**

As the Development Committee, we are called to promote CACHS and its mission to our school community. We seek to engage parents, students, alumni, and other supporters in the activities and events that help build a stronger school family and enrich the lives of our students.

## All Together:

We are one body, working together in unity. In every area of our school—whether academic, extra-curricular, or service—we strive for excellence through Christ. May our work honor Him and reflect His love in all things.

May we serve with hearts full of faith, knowing that through Christ, all things are possible. We dedicate ourselves to this mission and vision, trusting that He will guide us every step of the way. To Him be the glory, now and forevermore. Amen.

Source: ChatGPT helped create this responsive reading with prompts coming from our committee mandates, website, and mission and vision Statements.

## Outside the Classroom





The CACHS Alumni Hockey game on February 8 was a fantastic event, featuring an exciting matchup between the alumni team and the current student team. It was wonderful to see alumni back on the ice, showcasing their skills in a thrilling, close game. In the end, the alumni team took the win, proving they still have what it takes! It was a great opportunity to reconnect, and we're already looking forward to next year's game.

\*Pictured above: Class of '98 and '99 alumni

If you are or know of any CACHS alumni, please email us your current contact information as we are working on updating our alumni database. Please send the information to developmentdirector@cachs.ca Thank you!



Grade 12

Class of 2025 grad wear link is now live for graduating students to place their order! Scan the QR code below or click the link here: https://cachsclassof2025.itemorder.com/shop/ home/ Link will close March 14!

Grad trip planning is underway - students will be going to River's Edge by Cremona May 21-23. Activities are still being decided on by the class and will be communicated as they are chosen. Some of the ideas they considering are white water rafting, hiking, trampoline park, paintballing and time to be together as a class.

Save the Date - Graduation Day is Saturday, June 21 at Crossroads Church. Banquet to follow that evening at CACHS.



## **Outside the Classroom Continued**









# CACKS Wear

Support CACHS by wearing official school gear! From t-shirts and hoodies to hats and accessories, our collection lets you show your school spirit in style. Plus, a portion of proceeds goes back to the school to fund programs and activities.

## Why Order?

- Support CACHS programs
- Quality and comfortable apparel
- Convenient online ordering



## **How to Order:**

- 1. Scan the QR code or click the link below: <a href="https://cachsschoolapparel.itemorder.com/shop/home/">https://cachsschoolapparel.itemorder.com/shop/home/</a>
  - 2. Choose your items.
  - 3. Checkout securely.
  - 4.Get your gear delivered!

Don't be like Mr. Reed and get outfitted in some great CACHS gear today — order now!

# Europe Trip 2026

Current Grade 10 and 11 CACHS families are invited to join us on a once-in-a-lifetime travel experience through Central Europe with their peers over the March 2026 break.

When students travel, they expand their knowledge of the world around them by engaging with other cultures, discovering more about themselves, developing independence, confidence, empathy, and selfawareness. They get the opportunity to consider their impact in the world and become inspired to embrace new opportunities. These skills are critical to encouraging personal development and growth within students and creating the global citizens of tomorrow.

To view details of our March 2026 Europe trip and to register for the trip use this link: <a href="https://www.eftours.ca/2769627SX">www.eftours.ca/2769627SX</a>

## Classes at a Glimpse

Accounting 10: General journal to a general ledger.

Art 10/20/30: Completing basics of art. Moving into shape and form - specifically pottery.

Bible 20: Life of Jesus.

Biology 20: Have a heart.

Biology 30: Studying hormones. Everyone needs them to work together.

Computer Science: Using Python and Javascript.

Drama 10: Exploring our uniqueness through a reflective/dramatic process.

Drama 20/30: Listen for more information about the play which is "How I met your mummy."

Dual Credit: 6 students started taking either robotics, vet tech or ecology in March.

English 10: Both classes are finishing short stories. Have started Romeo and Juliet.

Foods 10: Introduction to foods. Contemporary baking - snacks and appetizers.

Green Certificate: These agricultural off campus classes have their final testing date in Olds on May 7th.

Math 20-1: Finishing quadratic equations, starting rational expressions.

Math 20-2: I saw the sine.

Math 20-3: Credit cards, loans, interest. All about finances.

Math 31: Derivatives.

Mechanics: Finishing safety components and moving to small engines.

Off Campus: Most students are actively working at their jobs after completing the appropriate paperwork. Time sheets need to be handed in regularly.

Phys Ed 20/30: Spike ball, badminton and pickle ball.

Physics 20: Projectile motion.

Science 24: Working on chemical reactions and energy conversions.

Social 10: Starting historical globalization.

Social 30-1: Classical liberalism vs Karl Marx Where is the value?

Social 30-2: Liberalism. What is it?

Student Support Time: Ms. deGier is available 3rd period of the day to assist students.

Sport Performance: Proper nutrition and exercise in the gym.

Welding: The welding booths are busy with students learning how to weld.

World Religions: Cults.



## **Outside the Classroom Continued**

Student Council
What's going on?

The Student Council held the Winter Formal Dance on February 13th. It was a FUN night of dancing, singing, and snacking! A shout-out to Mrs. Lindhout for helping the DJs keep the music pumping!



## **Outside the Classroom Continued**



# Have you joined the Central Alberta Christian High School Partners for Life team yet?

# We have now made it easier for members to join.

- 1 Create an account on blood.ca/MyAccount or the GiveBlood app for Apple or Android.
- 2 Select 'partners' from the menu.
- 3 Select 'join an existing team' and start entering your team's name (it will appear in the drop down list).
- 4 Select the team you wish to join.
- 5 Book your next appointment with your team via 'team bookings' (visible under your team name) or individually.

Please note: If a member has already donated this year the count will be retroactive to January 1.



To book an appointment, open the camera app on your mobile device and scan the QR code.

## Thank you to our participating teams:

Join the CACHS Group team and save lives!

Download the GIVEBLOOD app, join the team and book a spot

Clinic Hours: Wed/Thurs 2pm - 7pm Fri/Sat 9am-2pm

5020 68th Street Red Deer, AB \* Free donor parking available\*

Thank you for being a proud partner of **Canada's Lifeline** 



## **CACHS Knights Athletics**



#### **Girls Basketball**

We had an extremely busy and successful January and February of basketball. The girls were able to place first in 2 of their four tournaments in the new year. They also finished first in the West side of 2A basketball which means that CACHS will be hosting zones this year from March 14-15. Come cheer on our girls as we look to try and head to provincials!



## Hockey

Our hockey season looks to finish up in the next month with tournaments in Stettler (March 7-8), Taber (March 13-15), and our home tournament in Blackfalds (April 4-5). We invite everyone to come on out to our home tournament! Game times will be posted on our webpage (<a href="www.cachs.ca">www.cachs.ca</a>) above the school calendar on the homepage. Thank you to our coaches for all their work with our student athletes!

## **Boys Basketball**

We have finished our regular season and have secured a top 4 placing in our league. We are looking forward to going to Wainwright to attend the zone tournament March 14-15, 2025. The winner has the opportunity to represent Central Zone in Calgary for the provincial championship the next weekend. Although we will be going in as the underdog, we are looking to play our best basketball of the year.







Scan QR code and follow our Instagram stories!

Or tap the link below:

www.instagram.com/cachsknights

THANK YOU to all those who submit photos from our games. If you have photos or videos to share, please send them to developmentdirector@cachs.ca

## **CACHS Knights Athletics Continued**

## **CACHS Athletics livestream**

CACHS is on YouTube! Look us @CACHSKnights to watch athletic events happening in our gym.

## Come out and watch a Knights game!

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.

## Go! Knights! Go!

Scan QR code to access the YouTube Channel! Or tap the link: https://www.youtube.com/@CACHSKnights Thank-you to coaches for all the work they put in to make CACHS Athletics happen!

## CURRENT COACHES

**BOYS BASKETBALL:** Mrs. DenOudsten, Ben Ford, Matt Weenink

**GIRLS BASKETBALL:** Mr. Bell, Shelby Goedhart, **Brooklyn Zandberg, Nathan Baong** 

**BOYS VOLLEYBALL:** Kurt Dykstra, Eric Talsma, Paul Doef, Mr. Reed

**SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL:** Tashelle Loov, Kayla Vreugdenhil, Mrs. de Boon

**JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL:** Kayla Ingwersen, Torey Tenbrinke

## **HOCKEY:**

Craig Haan, Henry Thalen, Elijah Kraay, Damien Thalen, Mitch Maddox





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# **UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

March 7-8: CACHS Hockey Stettler Tournament

March 13: Grade 10 Registration Evening - 7pm

March 13-14: CACHS Hockey Taber Tournament

March 14-15: BBB/GBB Zone Champtionships

Girls at CACHS | Boys at Wainwright

March 17: Board Meeting

March 18: GHB/BHB vs. Hunting Hill HS at HHHS

March 20-22: BBB/GBB Provincial

Championships at Rundle College

March 21 - March 30: Spring Break - No School

**April 1-3:** Grad photos at CACHS

April 1: GHB/BHB - CACHS vs. LTCHS at LTCHS

**April 2:** Basketball Senior Bowl at CACHS

**April 3:** GHB/BBB vs. Sedgewick at CACHS

**April 4-5:** CACHS Invitational Hockey
Tournament - Blackfalds Arena

**April 7:** SP15 & Friendship Gym Night

**April 8:** GHB/BHB vs. SJHS at LTCHS

**April 10-12:** BHB/GHB - Notre Dame Tournament

**April 11:** Badminton Area 2 Tournament in Lacombe



Winners of our February photo challenge! Stay tuned for more challenges to come!

If you have photos or videos of any of our school events that you are able to share, please do so by emailing them to developmentdirector@cachs.ca.

Thank you so much to all those who contributed to the Knights News January/February issue and social media accounts. We appreciate you!

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

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