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NEWSLETTER

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A bumper sticker had the following slogan **“To believe is to care. To care is to act.”**

The apostle James writes that **“As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead”**.

“It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching.” St. Francis of Assisi

One of my concerns with schooling is the disconnect between what is learned cognitively and what is practiced in daily life. Our churches I believe, deal with these same concerns between what is preached and the faith walk of the congregation. Creation testifies of an awesome God, one with imagination and wisdom, but it does not as quickly reveal a loving God who reaches out to hold those who are suffering. This is where the role of the believer comes in. Christians need to be “Christ” to the hurting, to feed the “hungry”, to mourn with those who mourn and to serve those in need regardless of the circumstances.

It’s always exciting when former students of CACHS come looking for a reference because they wish to be Christ’s messenger, His bearer of hope to the suffering around the world. When I hear of young people’s desire to help the victims of the slave industry in Thailand, to minister in orphanages in Mexico, to spread God’s word

in Kenya, to provide water to villages in Honduras, then I am reminded of God’s admonition to leave the results to Him.

Let’s challenge our students, our children, our parishioners, and especially ourselves, to truly live the faith He has so generously bestowed upon us. Let us serve rather than being served, let us love without requiring love in return. That is real religion. May you be blessed through blessing those God places in your path.

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” James 1:27Y

Mel Brandsma

Alberta Education Survey

Over the last few weeks you have received an opportunity to complete a survey from Alberta Education regarding our school. The results of the survey are compiled and then the school is required to respond to the results. Each student and staff member also completes the survey so a broad range of information is compiled. Please take the few minutes to respond to the survey as it will aid us in responding to your thoughts on the school and the education your child is receiving.

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 Timothy 4:12

Board Notes

The Board would like to thank everyone involved with the Open House on February 15th for the Grade 8 and 9 students from the Lacombe, Ponoka, Rimbey and Gateway Christian schools. Ninety-six grade 8 and 9 students joined our students and staff for lunch, games, worship and a presentation by our guest speaker Chris Reitsma.

We would also like to thank the staff for the excellent job they are doing, along with the students, in completing Semester one at the end of January and now working in Semester two with a view to the end of the school year in June.

Also a big thank you to all our committee members who give of their time to serve on our various committees and help make the school run smoothly.

Bernie Ten Hove – Chairman
Bernie Kolkman – Vice-Chairman
Peter Walls – Treasurer
Mrs. Carolyn Vanderhoek – Secretary
Mrs. Froukje Brouwer
Mrs. Colleen VanderSchee
Mrs. Jane Visser
Mrs. Anita Zuidhof

Carolyn Vanderhoek
Board Secretary

Operating Financial Statement for January 2012

Opening balance – January 1	\$ 280,501.49
Receipts – January 1 – 31	+ 75,196.62
Expenses – January 1 – 31	- 83,660.59
Balance – January 31	\$ 272,037.52

Once again I would like to thank everyone who donated to the Fall Debt Drive. We were able to put \$75,000.00 towards the principal of the mortgage at the end of January.

Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator
wbarnes@cachs.ca

Welcome

We would like to welcome Lisa Bott to our school. Lisa joins our Grade 10 class and is the daughter of Stirling and Heather Bott who reside in the Ponoka area. Please add their phone number to the CACHS parent phone list.

Career Corner

Open houses for many post-secondary institutions are occurring for the next six weeks. Grade 12's who are considering post-secondary education are highly encouraged to check out the school of their choice, and see if an open house is occurring soon.

Representatives from St. Mary's College, The King's University College and Red Deer College will be visiting CACHS the first week of March. All are invited to talk to these representatives if you are interested in their school.

The Lacombe Rotary Scholarship application is available. In 2012 four awards of \$1000 each will be made to students graduating from high school in Lacombe. The successful student must demonstrate:

- Leadership and motivational skills in school and community activities.
- Academic achievement adequate to gain admittance to the post-secondary institution and program of choice.
- A need for financial assistance in continuing studies.

The RCMP youth camp application is due. Any grade 11 or 12 students interested in checking out the RCMP are encouraged to apply for this camp. Please contact me for applications or more information.

Veronica Den Oudsten
Career Counselor

Lacombe Minor Soccer

Lacombe Minor Soccer (LMSA) is looking forward to another exciting season for 2012. We invite all players from U-6 (2007) to U-18 (1994) to come out and enjoy the soccer season. Registration nights will be held this year at the Lacombe Pentecostal Church on March 5th for minis and March 8th for Juniors at 7 pm. For more information please call Lidy Dewit.

Library Notes

Just recently I have been able to add a site to the CACHS web page - <http://www.cachs.ca/library.html> There will now be a book review found under Library News on the school web page. I will attempt to update it monthly with either new books that come into the collection or a review of existing books. Also, just to let you know, our library is open to parents and society members so come in and check out what we have. If you are interested in "checking out" a book please come and see me and I will set you up with a library ID number.

There are still a few students who have not returned their books from first semester. Parents, could you please encourage your son/daughter to check their rooms or other favorite spots for these missing library books. These will all have to be accounted for before final exams and the ones that are not returned will be deducted from your book deposit.

Donations of age appropriate, gently used books are always welcome. Out of date magazines are also put to good use, so as you are spring cleaning please put them aside for the school. Thank you.

Yvonne Reed
Librarian

Student/Parent Pizza and Pop Evening

Our annual Student/Parent Pizza and Pop evening is set for 7:00 on Thursday, April 12th here at the school. We invite all Grade 9 students and their parents to this evening, where a presentation will be made to the parents, and the students will enjoy games and mixers. At approximately 8:15 pizza and pop will be served and everyone will have the opportunity to mingle and meet everyone present, including the CACHS staff. Invitations will be sent to the Grade nine students at Lacombe Christian School, Ponoka Christian School, Rimbey Christian School and Gateway Christian School. If you know of a student who is not attending one of these schools and would be interested in coming, please call the school and an invitation will be sent to them. If you have any questions regarding the evening, please call Ann at the school at 403-782-4535.

CACHS Catering

Our upcoming events for which we are looking for help are:

- March 6 – Bibles For Missions appreciation evening at Kozy Korner
- March 16 – Otten wedding @ Kinsmen Hall Ponoka
- April 21 – Gideons banquet at CACHS
- April 27 – Fashion Show at CACHS
- May 4 – Lindemulder wedding at LMC – Lacombe
- June 9 – Miriam Den Oudsten/Craig Cameron wedding at Bentley Ag Center
- June 28 – CACHS grad
- August 4 – Lok wedding at Ponoka Kinsmen center
- August 18 – Hoogenboom/Luymes wedding

If you are able to help serve and clean up at any of the functions booked for CACHS Catering, please contact Liz Stad or Ann Siebenga. Please volunteer a few hours of your time to help an evening at a CACHS Catering function. Your school and **ALL** the students benefit from the funds raised. Please call Emma at 403-782-2657 if you wish to book CACHS Catering services.

Members of CACHS Catering are:
Emma Den Oudsten
Clase van Iperen
Rosemary Vander Ploeg
Ester Verhoef

Employment opportunity

A local Christian family is looking for an aide for their 11 year old son who has Down's Syndrome. They are looking for someone to begin as soon as possible for casual work once or twice a week for 2-4 hours after school or during the weekend. This position would work into a part time position for the summer for up to four days a week, including accompanying him to summer camps. A male aide is preferred but a female aide will be considered. If you are interested please call Dave or Stephanie at 403-782-0640.

Europe Trip 2013!

France: Paris, Normandy, and the Loire

We are excited to be able to offer a trip that will include visits to sites, museums and monuments that will forever broaden the students' (and other participants') experience of France and European history. We are planning to go with a tour company name Mariden, located in Edmonton. The brochures will be ready soon and available at the school office. But here is a list of some of the high points and some basic information.

Many of the places we will visit are located in or near Paris: the Louvre and its famous works of art, the Arc de Triomphe, the Opera, the Eiffel Tower, Notre-Dame, and Versailles, to name a few.

In the Loire Valley, we will see famous castles from the Renaissance, and walk in the footsteps of Leonardo Da Vinci who lived in this region before he died. On the North Atlantic, we will visit Mont Saint-Michel, a 1,000 year old abbey built on a tiny island off the coast, only accessible by foot at low tide for an important period of its history.

In Normandy, we will visit the town of Bayeux, and its museum built to hold the famous Bayeux tapestry, which tells the story of the Norman king, William the Conqueror's victory at the Battle of Hastings in 1066. We will also visit the famous beaches where the Allied Forces landed during World War II, playing a major role in liberating France in 1944. We will focus on sites important for Canadians.

We are hoping to keep the price for this trip around \$3,500.00 which will be about the same amount students paid for the France trip in 2011. This will include hotels, breakfasts, dinners, transportation, entrance fees, the services of a full-time guide, and basic insurance. There will be a supplement for adult participants, since entrance fees are more for adults, as are hotel rooms.

These fees will be paid in installments beginning with \$500 by March 9 and \$800 in May; then in

early October another payment will be required (of about \$1200), with the balance due at the end of November, so the school can submit it to Mariden by early December. The actual trip will take place during Spring Break, starting about March 21, 2013. These trips are organized for alternate years and are available to Grade 11 and 12 students only. But, if you are in Grade 10, you are eligible, since you will be in Grade 11 next year!

Upcoming Events

1. On Thursday, March 3rd, comedian Elijah Tindall will be at the Lincoln Hall. Doors will open at 6:00 pm and supper will be at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 each and are available by calling 403-782-4539.

2. Renowned Duo, Dutch/Canadian Organist Andre Knevel and Dutch/Czech Panflutist Liselotte Rokyta, will perform a concert of Organ and Panflute music in the Messiah Lutheran Church in Camrose on Friday March 23rd at 7:30 pm. For more information please phone 780-672-3444. They will also be performing at the Gaetz Memorial United Church in Red Deer on Saturday, March 24th at 7:30 pm. This will be a special concert celebrating the 125th anniversary of Gaetz Memorial United Church and the 25th anniversary of the installation of the Pipe Organ. For more information please call 403-347-2244. CD recordings will be available at both concerts.

Calendar

February 27, 28, 29 – Grade 12 grad photo days

March 9 – Early dismissal – 2:15 pm

- Staff meeting

March 23 – Staff inservice – no school

March 23 to April 1 – Spring Break

April 6 – Good Friday – no school

April 9 – Easter Monday – no school

April 12 – Student/parent Pizza & Pop evening
(see note elsewhere)

April 20 – No Wolf Creek bussing

April 27 – Fashion Show at CACHS

June 28 – CACHS Grade 12 Graduation