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# NEWSLETTER

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## Habits of the Faith

“Sow a thought and you reap an action, sow an act and you reap a habit, sow a habit and you reap a characteristic, sow a character and you reap a destiny.”  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Last month I spoke of a concern that we have in schools in wondering if our thought processes lead to actions in life. The connection between head knowledge and acts of the heart seem at times to be far from each other. The quote I recently read (Today magazine) speaks of the importance of beginning with the idea, which if followed up on becomes an action, which produces patterns or habits of living which over time becomes part of your character and eventually becomes who you are. Faith, real religion is a lot like this. It begins with a realization of who God is, it grows to understanding who we are in light of our Creator, over time it becomes a part of who we are and eventually we can no longer separate our faith, our actions, and ourselves from our God. It is good and right to examine our lives and the lives of those God has placed in our trust.

Recognizing that faith is a progression, are we and our loved ones on the “right road”, a road that echoes the

words of men like Joshua who emphatically stated in the latter years of his life “...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord, because He is our God.” (Joshua 24:15) Home, church, school and work all need to be working together to bring about this kind of total commitment the Lord requires of us. No occasional faith moments but rather a constancy where life cannot be imagined or lived without God.

May God bless us with renewed determination to commit to the words of Deuteronomy 6: 7-9 which read: “Impress them (God’s commandments) on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”

Mel Brandsma

## Operating Financial Statement for February 2012

Opening balance - February 1	\$ 272,037.52
Receipts – February 1 – 29	+ 35,740.65
Expenses – February 1 – 29	- 89,411.94
Balance as of February 29	\$ 218,366.23

Wendy Barnes  
Business Administrator  
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**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

Spring is approaching and with it warm weather, spring break, mission trips and most importantly Easter.

Spring is also the time that we will be looking for volunteers for various committees or help with a number of school functions. We need to remember what the Apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans (Romans 12: 1-8). We are asked to give our bodies to God, to let them be a living sacrifice.

When you think what He has done for you, is that too much to ask? There are many parts to the Body of Christ and we are all part of it. It takes everyone of us to make it complete. We each have different work to do. So we belong to each other and need each other. God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well. So if God has given you a gift then use that gift whenever you can. If it is prophesying, then prophesy; if it is to serve others, serve them well. If you are a teacher do a good job of teaching, a preacher give good strong and helpful sermons. If God has given you money, be generous in helping others who are less fortunate. If you have administrative ability and are in charge of others, take the responsibility seriously. Those who offer comfort to the suffering do so with Christian cheer. Don't just pretend that you love others; really love them. Please remember Paul's writing when you are called and prayerfully consider where you can contribute your gifts.

We will be seeking nominations for board members who will be completing their term. A nomination form is part of this newsletter and nominations will be accepted until April 30<sup>th</sup>. Nomination forms may be given to any Board member, or dropped off in a sealed envelope at the school office.

The Board wishes staff and students a blessed and relaxing time off for Spring Break and safety to those who are traveling either for holidays or missions trips. May you be blessed as you prepare for and reflect on the ultimate sacrifice of our Lord because of His grace and love for us.

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

## Career Corner

As we educate for life today and tomorrow, an essential part of the role of CACHS is guidance. The resource manual for high school guidance published by Christian Schools Canada sums it up this way:

We believe that our guidance program must honor God and develop the gifts and potential of each student. Therefore we will:

- Honor God by celebrating the human potential of each student;
- Affirm that each student is created in God's image to live in relationship with Him and others;
- Work with students to make the school a kinder, forgiving, and more loving learning community;
- Help students to discover their gifts so they may honor God's purpose for their lives and find joyful and fulfilling work;
- Encourage students to develop their gifts in service of God and other people;
- Nurture students to exercise their unique gifts and abilities to do God's work in the world in creative and need-fulfilling ways;
- Rely on God's Spirit to guide us in all things.

All at CACHS strive to equip and guide our young people in this way.

Veronica Den Oudsten  
Career Counselor

## Library Notes

Spring Break is just around the corner. How time flies when you are busy! Reports, debate speeches and ethics projects are just a few of the things that keep the library busy.

With Spring comes Librarian's Day at Scott's Parable in Red Deer. I am hoping to have new books to add to our collection soon.

I would like to thank a very generous parent for a subscription to a Sports based Christian magazine that will soon be on the magazine rack for all to enjoy. It's donations like these that help stretch the budget. I encourage you to remember the schools that your children or grandchildren attend and whether you donate the cost of a subscription or your gently loved books or used magazines, they all help. We put them to good use and you are appreciated. Thanks for all your support in this way.

Check out the school's website for book reviews on:

- **SAINT** by Ted Dekker. "An assassin. The most effective killer in the world. And yet.... Carl Strople struggles to retain fleeting memories that betray an even more ominous reality. He's been told part of the truth.

- **A Lasting Impression** by Tamera Alexander. "Set at Nashville's historic Belmont Mansion, a stunning antebellum manor built by Adelia Acklen" This is a sweeping love story about a nation mending after war, the redemption of those wounded, and the courage of a man and a woman to see themselves – and each other – for who they really are.

- **Beyond the Reflection's Edge** - by Bryan Davis The first in the trilogy **Echoes from the Edge**, Davis writes a fast paced adventure fantasy which starts off with murder and leads Nathan and Kelly, two teenagers, out of their once familiar world.

- Karen Hancock's **The Enclave** "When Lacey McHenry accepts a prestigious research fellowship at a world-renowned Kendall-Jakes Longevity Institute, she sees it as a new start on life. But when a disturbing late-night encounter with a bizarre intruder leads to a cover up, she soon realizes all isn't as it seems.

- Don Hoesel's **Hunter's Moon** Every family has secrets. Few will go as far as the Baxters to keep them.

CJ Baxter, bestselling novelist, has made a career out of writing hard-hitting stories ripped from his own life. Still there's one story from his past he's never told. One secret that's remained buried for decades.

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Calendar

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 above)

April 20 – No Wolf Creek bussing

- First report card for second semester

April 26 – Parent teacher interviews after school and evening

April 27 – Parent teacher interviews in morning

- Staff inservice - pm

April 27 – Fashion Show at CACHS

May 4 – No Wolf Creek bussing

May 18 – Staff meeting and inservice – no school

May 21 – Victoria Day – no school

May 24 – CACHS Society meeting

June 28 – CACHS Grade 12 Graduation

## Europe Trip 2013!

### **France: Paris, Normandy, and the Loire**

The latest news about the Europe trip is that we have 37 participants and will have a few teacher chaperones. We are going with a company called Mariden, which has an office in Edmonton.

The high points of the itinerary are an afternoon tour of Montreal, on our way to the Charles de Gaulle airport north of Paris. We will visit a couple of towns in Normandy, including Rouen and Bayeux, plus the beach sites where the Allied Forces landed in 1994. We will also visit the town and abbey at Mont Saint-Michel, one of France's most visited spots. In Brittany, we will visit Saint Malo, the port town from which Jacques Cartier set sail, and Dinan. Then, we're off to the Loire Valley, where we'll visit Renaissance castles. Finally we'll visit Paris, with its Eiffel Tower, Louvre museum, cathedral Notre-Dame and the Opera Garnier.

**\*\*\*\* Importantly, I would like to invite all participants, students, parents, chaperones, and interested others, to an evening meeting at the school (Room 108) at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, April 18.** Please mark your calendar and plan to come. Representatives from Mariden, the tour company, will be there to make a presentation and answer your questions.

Have a fantastic Spring Break and see you soon.

Carolyn Snipes-Hoyt

## Student Council News

During the month of March we had a "Knights" day to support our boys basketball team who hosted Zones at CACHS.

On March 21 students and staff enjoyed a hot lunch with pizza from Panago being served.

We will soon be starting our fundraiser for the Stollery Children's Hospital and in mid April we hope to have a Western Dance.

## CACHS Catering

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

- April 21 – Gideons banquet at CACHS
- April 27 – Fashion Show at CACHS
- May 4 – Lindemulder wedding at LMC – Lacombe
- May 19 – Linker anniversary
- June 28 – CACHS grad
- July 7 – Koster wedding in Red Deer
- August 4 – Lok wedding at Ponoka Kinsmen center
- August 18 – Hoogenboom/Luymes wedding
- August 31 – Hoekstra/deRegt wedding – Bentley Ag Center
- September 8 – Dalstra anniversary – Red Deer First

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 DenOudsten if you wish to book CACHS Catering services.

Members of CACHS Catering are:

- Emma DenOudsten
- Clase van Iperen
- Rosemary Vander Ploeg
- Ester Verhoef

## Cookie Dough for Sale

There are a few tubs of extra cookie dough available from the recent Grade 12 grad fundraiser. If you would like to purchase any of the following tubs of cookie dough for \$15 each, please contact the school at 403-782-4535.

- Ginger – 4
- Motherlode – 2
- Oatmeal Coconut Chocolate – 1
- Shortbread – 3
- Sugar – 2
- Dark Chocolate/white Chocolate – 1