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NEWSLETTER

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“God’s Work”

“God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. (God) has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. (John Henry Newman)

I heard this quote during a Friday morning assembly via one of our staff members and I immediately made a mental note to myself to obtain a copy. It’s a statement loaded with implications for Christian living. Sometimes God allows us to see the calling He places on our heart and yet often it remains hidden and we go about our daily tasks obediently responding to His commands yet oblivious to the higher purpose He has for us. While at first glance this reality seems disconcerting, yet really it is quite comforting. God is in control, not I, He lays out my path, not I, He guides my work, not I, He brings the message, not I. My only role

is to keep His commands and trust in humble obedience.

May God bless all our work, so that His honor and glory may be revealed to the “ends of the earth”. May each of us find strength in Him who equips us according to His purpose. I pray that the year 2012 may find you walking on God’s path. A specific prayer for guidance to Henk John and MaryAnn Kuipers as they have moved to the east coast to begin the work God has called them to. May God bless you and your family. We will miss you.

Mel Brandsma

Open House

On Wednesday, February 15th, CACHS will be hosting the grade 8 and 9 students from Lacombe, Ponoka and Rimbey Christian Schools for an afternoon of “fact and fun”. This will be an opportunity for prospective students to get a taste of what goes on in our school from day to day and more. Our guests will eat lunch, meet the CACHS staff and students, and participate in games and sessions. The highlight of the afternoon will be the opportunity to meet and listen to former major league baseball pitcher Chris Reitsma, who will wrap up the afternoon’s activities by sharing his story. This event is a first for our school and we look forward to a great time together with the students from our feeder schools.

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 has not met since November 28th but will meet again on January 23rd.

Recently our local MLA Ray Prins, forwarded to us a copy of the Alberta Hansard for November 23rd and November 24th, which contains parts of the oral question period in the Legislature where the new Minister of Education Mr. Lukaszuk defends all sectors of education, including private schools. A copy of these pages is part of this newsletter.

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Board Secretary

Operating Financial Statement for December 2011

Opening balance December 1 -	\$ 350,123.71
Receipts – December 1 – 31	+ 46,875.43
Expenses – December 1 – 31	- 116,497.65
Balance as of December 31	\$ 280,501.49

We have been blessed with another cheque from the Building Blocks Thrift Store in the amount of \$25,000.00. We want to thank them for these funds which helps to keep the cost of tuition down for our families.

Tax receipts have been sent out – if you have not received yours by the end of February, please contact me and I will get you a copy.

Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator
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School Closure Policy

With winter finally upon us, we would like to remind you of our school closure/bussing policy.

If the Wolf Creek busses are not running in the morning but are running in the afternoon CACHS will be open. Parents will need to assess the situation in their area and send their child(ren) to school when they deem it to be safe. **If the Wolf Creek busses are not running at all during the day, then and only then will CACHS be closed.**

Please listen to the radio stations listed in the Parent Handbook for announcements regarding the running of busses and school closures. You can also check the school's website www.cachs.ca for information.

Building Blocks Note

Interested in volunteering at the Building Blocks Thrift Store in Lacombe? Duties vary from sorting clothes, to cleaning shelves, running the till or pricing items. A few hours per week or a whole day, whatever works for your schedule. Call the Thrift Store at 403-782-9511. We'd love to hear from you!!

Career Corner

Grade 12 Students – Ongoing Resource!!

The Wolf Creek school district has developed and maintains a website geared to helping graduating high school students with college and career choices. They have graciously allowed all students to access this website where valuable and applicable information is provided. Please check out the following website: www.cc.wolfcreek.ab.ca Just go to Career Centre on the left hand side, and you will find valuable information in many areas.

Veronica Den Oudsten
Career Counselor

Library Notes

Another year has passed and we are now in the process of finishing up the first semester with diploma exams and course finals sneaking up on us. With this in mind, please keep your eyes open for any of our library books that may be in your possession. I will be sending out a "checked out" book list with the report cards on February 3rd. Please take a moment to look through it and return any of the outstanding books as soon as possible.

We have received a few more books so come in and take a look through our collection.

Some new books are:

Longing by Karen Kingsbury – the 4th book in the Bailey Flanigan series

Damaged by Melody Carlson – the 3rd book in the A violated trust series

A Lasting Impression – the new novel by Tamera Alexander

These are just a few of the new books that will be on the shelves soon.

Have a good January
Yvonne Reed, Librarian

Calendar

January 24 – Biology 30

January 25 – Math 30 Pure & Applied

January 25 – January 30 – Exams for Grade 10 & 11

January 31 – Semester break – no school

February 1 – First day of second semester

February 3 – Final report card for first semester

February 9 - No Wolf Creek bussing

Parent/teacher interviews after school & evening

February 10 – Staff inservice – no school

February 15 – Open house at CACHS for Grade 8 and 9 students (see note on front page)

February 20 – Family Day – no school

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

March 23 – April 1 – Spring Break

June 28 – CACHS Grade 12 Graduation

CACHS Catering

We want to say THANK YOU to all the seniors and others who so gladly help us with our meal preparations. Volunteers please keep Tuesday, February 7, 2012 open for our appreciation get together. You will also be getting a personal invitation. Please let Clase know if you are able to attend or contact Emma at 403-782-2657.

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 27 – Fashion Show at CACHS

May 4 – Lindemulder wedding at LMC – Lacombe

June 9 – Miriam Den Oudsten/Craig Cameron