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NEWSLETTER

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Margins

Dr. Richard Swenson wrote a book entitled "Margin" in which he compares the lives of many busy individuals to that of a page with no margins. We are so busy doing life that we don't have time for family, friends and unforeseen events. We fill up our days with work, meetings and leisure activities, we don't have time to reflect and celebrate times of relaxation.

I was talking to a student recently and when I asked about their schedule for the next week, I could not help but ask if they had time to sleep. The student was trying to balance school, work, church, youth group, athletics, a relationship and a host of other volunteer activities. A colleague of mine in a recent summer course was trying to balance work, achieving a master's degree, raising a young family and remaining active in his church community. Fortunately, after a week's worth of summer study, he was encouraged to delay his graduate studies and concentrate on the more important things in life.

I wonder where we get the idea that busyness is the best way. Jesus frequently took time to get away from the crowds and spend time with his disciples and his heavenly father. Jesus created margins in his life to speak to people along the way who needed him. He

welcomed intrusions from children, worried fathers, and young men with a bed ridden friend. James Bryan Smith writes "Margin restores balance and restores our soul, thus increasing our capacity for joy". Consider the margins in your life and in the lives of your children and make sure we leave time for the unplanned events and people in life.

Mel Brandsma

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!!

CACHS Alumni Volleyball Tournament

The third annual CACHS Alumni Volleyball tournament will be held December 16 (?) and 17th. Teams must consist of at least 75% alumni. Cost is \$100/team. Deadline to enter your team is December 9. Please spread the news to those alumni not living locally. For more information or to enter your men's or women's team please phone Mel Brandsma, Colleen VanderSchee or e-mail Colleen at schee@albertahighspeed.net

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

No Board Notes were received for this newsletter.

Reminder of the Society meeting on Thursday, November 24th at 7:30 pm.

The 2011-2012 Board members are:

Bernie Ten Hove – Chairman

Bernie Kolkman – Vice-Chairman

Peter Walls – Treasurer

Mrs. Froukje Brouwer

Mrs. Colleen VanderSchee

Mrs. Jane Visser

Mrs. Anita Zuidhof

Operating Financial Statement for October 2011

Opening balance – October 1	\$ 458,487.72
Receipts – October 1 – 31	+ 86,189.90
Expenses – October 1 – 31	- 86,122.62
Balance as of October 31	\$ 458,555.00

Fall Drive

This year's Fall Debt Reduction Drive is underway until December 15th. Our current debt load is \$777,000. In order to service our loan obligations for the 2011/2012 school year, the goal for the 2011 Fall Debt Reduction Drive has been set for \$90,000. Brochures were put in church mailboxes or sent in the mail. If you have not received one please contact the school and one will be sent to you. We wish to remind the Society members that tuition fees only cover the operational costs of the school. It is through the generous support of the Fall Debt Reduction Drive and Capital Campaigns that we cover the costs of our mortgage and any expansions of the school. Please consider prayerfully the extent to which you can support CACHS through this year's Fall Drive. If you have any questions please call Wendy Barnes or Pete Walls.

Harvest Fest

This year's Harvest Fest was held on Friday,

October 28th with the theme of "Country Hoe-Down". When you arrived at the LMC you were greeted by a display of fences, hay bales, wooden benches, corn stalks and wheat sheaves decorating the hall. Many items graced the silent auction and live auction tables.

Andrew Kooman, CACHS graduate of 1997 was the MC for the evening. Steve Stubblejumski, aka Robert Saik, an old Ukrainian farmer from a "mixed-up" farm near Doublebumps, entertained us with his humor. Steve's varied background lets him "think" he can fit into most situations and that was where the fun began. CACHS Catering served a wonderful meal! Harvest Fest raised a record total of \$20,867.88 after expenses, for the school. All proceeds go towards paying down of the debt.

We would like to take this time to thank all who made this evening a success, either by way of donations for the silent and live auctions, through volunteer efforts or through your support in coming out! You all are truly a blessing to the school!

Mark your calendar for Friday, October 26, 2012 and come out and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. If you are interested in joining our committee please contact Wendy Barnes at 403-782-4535 for more information.

Yours in Christ
Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

Library Notes

Library notes will be back next month.

Drop In Badminton

CACHS students and/or their parents are invited to drop-in badminton at Lacombe Christian School every Monday night from 7 – 9 pm. Please bring inside shoes, racquets and birdies. If you have any questions, please call Colleen VanderSchee.

Career Corner

On Tuesday, November 1, 2011 CACHS hosted representatives from 14 post-secondary institutions. Representatives came from all over Canada and the United States. Every grade 11 and 12 student was required to attend three different sessions they signed up for. There was also opportunity for each representative to talk to our grade 11 and 12 students to inform them about what their school had to offer. Grade 10's were encouraged to look at the information each representative had displayed on a table for the afternoon. Thanks to all the representatives who provided our students with an informative day.

The week before, students had the opportunity to attend an ELAA fair at Lacombe Composite High School. This is where representatives from all post-secondary institutions in Alberta are invited to provide information at high schools. Thanks to the Lacombe Composite High School for hosting this event.

Colleges and universities have been actively promoting their schools. Many students use this time to ask questions and gather information about the paths available to them. There are also many students who are not that interested at this time, but eventually start to seek answers to questions about post-secondary opportunities. An excellent way to find answers is to visit the school you are interested in. I continue to have conversations with students about options available to them, and I continue to encourage each student to actively explore the choices that intrigue them.

Veronica Den Oudsten
Career Counselor

CACHS Catering

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

December 1 – Peppertree supper, Lacombe
December 13 – Seniors Christmas dinner at 11:30 am at Bethel CRC
March 16 – Otten wedding @ Kinsmen Hall Ponoka
April 27 – Fashion Show at CACHS
May 4 – Lindemulder wedding at LMC – Lacombe
June 9 – wedding at BVAV in Bentley
June 28 – CACHS grad
August 4 – Lok wedding at Ponoka Kinsmen center

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 Den Oudsten if you wish to book CACHS Catering services.

Members of CACHS Catering are:

Emma Den Oudsten
Clase van Iperen
Rosemary Vander Ploeg
Ester Verhoef

Calendar

November 24 – CACHS Society meeting – 7:30 pm
December 2 – Early dismissal – 2:15 pm
December 16 – Last day of classes before Christmas break
Dec. 17 – January 1 – Christmas break
January 2 – classes resume
January 25 – January 30 – Exams
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 20 – Family Day – no school