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NEWSLETTER

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CONNECT THE DOTS

“Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.”
Melody Beattie

At a leadership conference last month these words resonated strongly with me as I reflected upon the past few months. It has been busy and filled with new challenges but I am so grateful for wisdom received sometimes through God’s people and sometimes directly. I was also reminded that spiritual discipline is not something to hope for but rather something to work toward with a determination that far exceeds our physical activity training plans. As a coach I fully understand putting in the preparation needed to perform well during the competition yet I often fail to apply this very simple principle to my spiritual performance. Perhaps you too need an encouraging word to commit to developing our faith through regular Bible study and prayer.

My coffee pot will be programmed a little earlier each morning and I will pray for each of you in our school community, often in gratitude for the work you do on behalf of the school, but even more so for the privilege of giving us your children during these key development

years. May God bless our students with a spirit of gratitude which comes through reflection on the gift of forgiveness from a loving God.

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Thank You

Thank-you to all those who supported the Central Alberta Christian High School’s dessert evening at the First CRC in Red Deer on October 1st. It was a huge success. We enjoyed a short presentation by Mel Brandsma, CACHS’s new principal, ate delicious desserts and visited with friends. New artist, Justine Vandergrift, a former student concluded the evening with her original music. The Red Deer families and students feel greatly blessed by your financial and prayer support. Thanks!

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!!

Operating Financial Statement for September 2011

Opening balance – Sept. 1	\$ 146,542.45
Receipts – Sept. 1 – 30	+ 400,384.06 **
Expenses – Sept. 1 – 30	- 88,622.19
Balance September 30	\$ 458,304.32

** Received 40% of our grant money from Alberta Government, next installment end of March, beginning of April 2012.

We also received \$25,0000 from Building Blocks Thrift Store – we are truly blessed by the generosity of this group. A reminder that if you have any items that they could sell, please drop them off at the store.

A few families have not sent in the tuition commitment slip or tuition cheques, please send them in as soon as possible.

Advance Notice - Fall Debt Reduction Drive

Our annual Fall Debt Reduction Drive will take place from November 6th to December 15th. Brochures will be placed in church mailboxes on Sunday, November 6 or you will receive one in the mail the following week. If you do not receive one please contact me at the school and I will have one sent to you.

Yours in Christ
Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

Board Notes

The Board would like to thank Gail Loov for her short time on the Board. Due to a conflict with her employer BDO being the school's auditor she was asked to resign from the Board at CACHS. The board is now looking to fill this position and is actively seeking nominations for the position. A nomination form is part of this newsletter – nomination deadline is November 8th.

We would like to acknowledge CACHS Catering for funding the new website that should be ready soon, as well as the Development Committee that have put

time and effort into this project.

Central Alberta Christian High has also been blessed by the Building Blocks Thrift Store as they have donated another \$25,000.00 to the school. These benefits are huge to the school and we would ask all our society members to look for ways to support these organizations. Our call for volunteers has not been very successful and we are continuing to look for ways to spark more interest in helping these two organizations who are vital to the school.

The Fall Drive at CACHS will begin after Harvest Fest. Please help us reduce the Capital debt at CACHS with your donation.

We would like to remind society members that the Board is an extension of the Society and we appreciate your comments and suggestions in how we can make CACHS a better school for our students.

The 2011-2012 Board members are:

Bernie Ten Hove – Chairman – 403-352-6444
Bernie Kolkman – Vice-Chairman – 403-588-0856
Peter Walls – Treasurer – 403-588-0856
Mrs. Froukje Brouwer – 403-783-3278
Mrs. Colleen VanderSchee – 403-885-4388
Mrs. Jane Visser – 403-347-7834
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Subs!! Poinsettias!!

As you may already have heard, the Grad class is once again selling sub sandwiches and poinsettias to help pay some of the costs associated with their graduation and grad related activities. If you are interested in obtaining either or both of these products and you haven't yet been contacted by a grad, feel free to take the initiative and contact one of them! We are selling the following subs: classic (\$30/do), ham and swiss (\$36/doz), and roast beef and cheddar (\$40/doz). The order deadline is November 4 and they will be delivered on November 19. We are also selling red, white and pink poinsettias in 6.5 inch pots for \$12 each – the order deadline is November 17 and delivery is December 2. Your support of our grads is greatly appreciated!

Career Corner

Students are encouraged to gather information about the possibilities that await them after high school. Many of our classes challenge and encourage our young people to explore the many options available. However, it is up to each student to actively pursue paths that intrigue them.

We appreciate that on Wednesday, October 26th the Lacombe Composite High School invited our students to attend their Post-Secondary evening, and hopefully many of our students were able to go and ask some questions. We continue to have representatives from various schools stop by to provide information about their schools, and we thank Providence school for stopping by recently.

On Tuesday, November 1, 2011 from 12:30 – 3:30 pm we are pleased to be hosting 15 different institutions. **ALL** are invited to attend and get information about the following schools:

The King's University College
Canadian Mennonite University
Columbia Bible College
Dordt College
Vanguard
Red Deer College
Canadian University College
Ambrose
Redeemer University College
Tyndale University College
Trinity Western University
Calvin College
Olds College
Prairie Bible College
Rocky Mountain College

There will be informative sessions throughout the afternoon, and all are welcome to attend. Please contact me if you are interested in attending.

Veronica Den Oudsten
Career Counselor

Library Notes

October is almost done and we are beginning to look forward to Christmas. With that in mind, we will be having a bit of a fair here at the school during Parent Teacher interviews on November 17 and 18. We will have Thousand Villages, Creative Memories and Tupperware joining us. The nice part of this is that a portion of the proceeds will come back to the library to help supplement the budget. Come see what they have for gifts.

New books are being added to shelves. Please take the time to come in and check them out. Here are some of the new books:

Indivisible by Kristen Heitzmann. This book was hard to put down – a great suspense read. This book is a large departure from any of Heitzmann's previous books. It is part mystery, romance and thriller all in one! The characters and storyline are wonderfully developed and the book is easy to read.

Maid to Match by Deeanne Gist. This is a historical romance set in the late 1800's. *Maid to Match* is a story about Tillie Reese, a maid at the Biltmore mansion. Coming from a lower-class family, Tillie has been working her way up the ladder of success since childhood. Then a rugged mountain man comes into the picture...now she has to choose.

Sins of the Mother by Patricia H. Rushford. If you like mystery, romance and Christian fiction, then this is a good book to pick up for the evening.

We will gladly take any gently used, age appropriate books you might want to get rid of. Home and fashion magazines are also appreciated.

Thank you for all your support.

Yvonne Reed
Librarian

CACHS Catering

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

November 12 – Pikkert anniversary at Kozy

Korner, Lacombe

December 1 – Peppertree supper, Lacombe

March 16 – Otten wedding @ Kinsmen Hall

Ponoka

April 27 – Fashion Show at CACHS

May 4 – Lindemulder wedding at LMC – Lacombe

June 28 – CACHS grad

If you are able to help serve and clean up at any of the functions booked for CACHS Catering, please contact Liz Stad at 403-782-3444 or Ann Siebenga at 403-782-3554. 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 at 403-782-2657 if you wish to book CACHS Catering services.

Members of CACHS Catering are:

Emma Den Oudsten – 403-782-2657

Clase van Iperen – 403-782-2853

Rosemary Vander Ploeg – 403-783-5217

Ester Verhoef – 403-783-6962

CACHS Alumni Volleyball Tournament

The third annual CACHS Alumni Volleyball tournament will be held December 16 (?) and 17th. If you know of any past alumni, not living locally, who would be interested in this competition, please inform them so they can plan ahead. If you have any questions please phone Mel Brandsma at 403-782-1855 or Colleen VanderSchee at 403-885-4388.

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 at 403-885-4388.

Calendar

November 4 – Picture retake day

November 7 – 10 – No Wolf Creek bussing

November 10 – Report cards

November 11 – Remembrance Day

November 17 – Parent teacher interviews

3:30 – 5:30 and 6:30 – 9:00

November 18 – Parent/teacher interviews

9:30 – 11:30

November 24 – CACHS Society meeting – 7:30 pm

December 2 – Early dismissal – 2:15 pm

Dec. 17 – January 1 – Christmas break