



NEWSLETTER

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“The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts and though all its parts are many, they form one body.....Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” (1 Corinthians 12:12, 27)

I am reminded of this verse as I begin the work of administrator at Central Alberta Christian High School. My new role involves not just interacting with students and a few parents but now entails boards, education committees, budgets, bussing and a host of other scenarios. This is a school which is not run by one individual or group but by a collection of individuals who are responding to God's call to educate our children in the ways of the Lord.

In many ways I feel that I am connecting dots, each point represents a different element of the school. While connecting these elements, it becomes clear that each component is important, thus creating an environment where students are taught that **all** of life belongs to God. I am thankful for each member of our school community, for their contributions whether this is on committee work, financial aid, prayer support or wisdom and encouragement freely offered. I have heard the encouragement from many of you and as a staff we covet your prayers. I ask for your patience for some of us in new positions whether this is in the classroom or in

the front office.

It is still a bit strange at school with the departure of Mr. Vanden Pol and Mr. Rosendal. Remember these two gentlemen in your prayers as they continue to serve the Lord in new locations. With change though comes freshness and we are thankful for the two new staff members the Lord has provided and we trust that the Lord will equip them daily in their teaching. We are also excited about the forty three new students we have this year. May each of them find CACHS to be a place where the development of their faith and an understanding of God's role in every aspect of life are prioritized. May we find fulfillment in learning, in exploring who we are and what God has called us to do this year, and in the years ahead.

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CACHS Family Phone List

For parents with students at CACHS, the 2011-2012 CACHS family phone list is included with this newsletter. Please check the information and if there are any mistakes, give Ann a call at the school at 403-782-4535.

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

Operating Financial Statement for June 2011

Opening balance – June 1	\$ 272,856.29
Receipts – June 1 – Aug. 31	+ 199,861.40
Expenses – June 1 – Aug. 31	- 326,175.24
Balance – Aug. 31	\$ 146,542.45

A reminder to please send in your tuition cheques for the 2011-2012 school year as soon as possible.

I also have some outstanding book deposit cheques. Would you please check your son/daughter's report card as they were attached to them in June.

Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

Board Notes

The Board would like to welcome everyone back to the new school year. We would especially like to welcome all of our new families and our two new teachers, Travis Eggink and Mrs. Kim Kaiser. May everyone have a great year.

The Board is hoping to get more society participation for helping with CACHS Catering and the Building Blocks Thrift Store. A sign up sheet is part of this newsletter.

Havest Fest will be on October 28th. Please see the ad that is elsewhere in this newsletter.

A number of our students are riding the Prairie Bus Lines buses this year. If you have any questions or concerns please call Bernie TenHove, Board Chairman at 403-352-6444.

The 2011-2012 Board members are:

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

Board members also serve on various committees:

Education – Froukje Brouwer, Anita Zuidhof

Finance – Peter Walls, Bernie TenHove

Development – Colleen VanderSchee

Maintenance – Bernie Kolkman

Transportation – Bernie TenHove

PCCE (Prairie Center for Christian Education) –
Jane Visser

AISCA (Association of Independent Schools and
Colleges of Alberta) – Bernie Kolkman

CACHS Catering – Colleen VanderSchee

PCEEF (Parkland Christian Education Endowment
Fund) – Bernie TenHove

Graduation – Froukje Brouwer

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any one of the Board members.

Bernie TenHove
Board Chairman

New Staff Biographies

Travis Eggink - Landing in Edmonton and driving to Lacombe this past Spring had me feeling like I was driving somewhere familiar. I grew up on an egg farm in Haldimand County, Ontario, a place with big trucks, bigger tractors, and Tim Hortons. I graduated with a B.A. in History and PE from Redeemer University College in 2010, and with a B.Ed from the University of Western Ontario this past spring. I got married in June to Mary-Lynne, and we are excited to start out here in Lacombe. We look forward to our time here as the country air is a welcome smell!

Kim Kaiser – Hi – my name is Kim Kaiser, a recent addition to the CACHS staff. My past areas of teaching are Sciences, Math and Physical Education. Before I became a school teacher, I was a supervisor, teacher and lifeguard in a recreation setting for about 20 years, all I can say is those years were fun but very wet.

The past year for me has been one of changes as I recently got married in March, moved to Alberta from B.C., and from spring to winter, experienced many forms of extreme Alberta weather (floods, a tornado and real hail), as a BC girl I am feeling way more educated about more than just rain. Despite all those changes though, God has really blessed me with a new family, a wonderful husband and now the

opportunity to teach at CACHS. Who knew that leaving recreation for education three years ago would lead to so many blessings?

Career Corner

School has just begun, and already I am encouraging students to think about their future. Specifically grade 12 students are challenged to consider all the various options and possibilities available to them after they graduate.

Open houses and information sessions are excellent opportunities for students of all ages to gather information about careers and educational choices. ANY school you might be interested in has opportunities for students to visit. Please check their websites for information.

September 30 – Olds College Open House

October 5 – Study and Go Abroad Fair

www.studyandgoabroad.com

October 14, 15 – NAIT Open House

October 22 - University of Alberta Open House

October 21, 22 – SAIT Open House

November 5 – University of Calgary Open House

November 5 – University of Lethbridge Open House

November 5 – Red Deer College Open House

Central Alberta Christian High School will be hosting a Post-Secondary options afternoon on Tuesday, November 1st. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

Adventures in Agriculture 2011- October 7, 2011 - The

Rotary Club of Lacombe is sponsoring students who are interested in agriculture to attend this event in Regina, Saskatchewan. Please see me for more details.

Scholarship Opportunities - Grade 12 students are encouraged to enter their name into www.studentawards.com to access all provincial and national awards. The Loran Award and TD Trust awards need to be applied for before November.

Veronica Den Oudsten
Career Counselor

Library Notes

September has flown by and by now most of us have

gotten into the swing of the new school year.

There are a few changes to the library, more in the days it will be staffed. I will be in Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. so if you need my help please leave me a note so that I can be of assistance to you. I am also in the process of implementing a new library computer system that I hope to have up and running very soon. There are still some “bugs” that need to be addressed but I am very excited about it. I am hoping that the new system will replace our dependence on the system we are presently paying fees for.

New books that were ordered at the end of June are slowly making their way to the shelves with more to follow. Please take some time to come in and see what new additions we have.

New to our collection are:

Striking a Match trilogy by Tracie Peterson;

Home to Blessing trilogy by Lauraine Snelling;

Leaving – Karen Kingsbury’s latest addition to the Bailey Series and *Indivisible* and *Indelible* – Kristen Heitzmann’s newest novels.

On a more serious note are the new non-fiction books that cover issues from Depression to Human Trafficking. We have many interesting and educational materials that are available to all society members. If you currently do not have a student at the school, please come in during school hours and talk to me so that I can get you set up with library privileges.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving you.

Yvonne Reed
Librarian

Calendar

October 7 – Early dismissal – 2:15 pm

– No Wolf Creek bussing

October 10 – Thanksgiving – no school

October 12 – Class/student picture day

October 13 – Meet the teacher afternoon & evening

3:30 – 5:30 and 6:30 to 8:30

October 19 – 21- CEA convention in Lethbridge

- No school

October 28 – Harvest Fest

November 24 – CACHS Society meeting

Dec. 17 – January 1 – Christmas break

CACHS Catering

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

- September 24 – Ray & Eleanor Merkus anniversary at Bethel CRC, Lacombe
- October 5 – Hot lunch for URC seniors at Parkland Reformed Church, Ponoka
- October 28 – Harvest Fest at LMC, Lacombe
- November 12 – Pikkert anniversary at Kozy Korner, Lacombe
- December 1 – Peppertree supper, Lacombe

CACHS Catering gives a big **THANK YOU** to **Grace Rietema** and **Lisa Ellens** for their service in the past years of phoning and arranging all the dishwashers for CACHS Catering functions. Thanks also to Liz Stad and Anne Siebenga for stepping up and being willing to take over this job. We appreciate all the time you put into arranging dishwashers and servers for us. If you are able to help serve and clean up at any of the functions booked for CACHS Catering please phone 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. 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

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 or Colleen VanderSchee.

“Focus on CACHS” Dessert evening in Red Deer

On October 1, 2011, the Red Deer parents of students attending Central Alberta Christian High School are hosting a dessert evening in order to reacquaint, reminisce and make friends and family aware of what CACHS has to offer our community. This evening will take place at Red Deer First Christian Reformed Church and will include a brief overview of what CACHS is all about, entertainment including former student Justine Vandergrift, and lots of time to connect. Any funds raised during this event will be donated to the school. To reserve your free ticket please call Connie Sypkes or Jane Visser or the school at 403-782-4535.

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.

Alumni Addresses/Updates

The first edition of the Alumni newsletter was sent out earlier this year to 661 of our 695 alumni students. We are still missing addresses for the following alumni. If you know of their whereabouts or have an address for them, please contact the school at 403-782-4535 or e-mail the school at office@cachs.ca. Any leads you might be able to provide us with would be appreciated!

1993 – Debbie Elliott, Joshua Wiebe. 1994 – Chad Hargreaves, Cary Van Deventer. 1995 – Kimberly Lane. 1996 – Amalia Boukos, Attica Chan, Bernard Chan, Jodie Klooster. 1997 – Sharon Ages, Andrea Klooster. 1999 – Kevin Klooster, Matthew Lang, Luanne MacLennan, Jacob Martin, Stephen Neufeld, Bob Sulyak, Tanya Tabler. 2001 – Matthew Hauck, David Klooster, Elias White. 2003 – Cody Holden, Tommy Wong. 2005 – Anthony McLean, Lindsey Reid, Joel Zantingh. 2007 – Mitchell Lawton, Mariena Poettcker, Tristan Punter, Michelle Turpin. 2008 – Andrea Crossley, Sheena Flett, Becky MacDormand. 2009 – Ashley Brown Williams