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## NEWSLETTER

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### Connecting Dots

#### “It’s not fair”

We have all heard this expression many times and perhaps have said it as well. Last month I was at a Principal’s conference in Ontario and found myself uttering these words but in a different context. It is not fair that we have the opportunity to receive a significant portion of our school’s cost from the government while many in other parts of the country do not, resulting in tuition costs of over double what CACHS supporters contribute. It is not fair that our sons and daughters are given the opportunity to learn about the world we live in, where the Creator is not only recognized but glorified. It doesn’t seem fair that we can do this without fear of reprisal while many in our world are persecuted for acknowledging His lordship. And yet with all these significant advantages, I worry about complacency. Just as a child who always receives everything he or she desires, we take much of what we have for granted and therefore do not cling tightly to what is so important.

A year ago many of our school graduates from across Canada were surveyed by the organization CARDUS which focused on former students 23-39 years of age. The purpose of the survey was to see if our schools were meeting their objectives as an institution. As a

Christian school, is our graduate’s spiritual formation being positively impacted by their elementary and secondary schools? They compared six main types of students: Public School graduates, Catholic School graduates, Private Catholic school graduates (tuition paying), Private School graduates with no religious affiliation, Christian School graduates and Home School graduates (religious based). Below is a summary of some of their findings:

- Compared to their public school, Catholic school and non-religious private school peers, Protestant Christian school graduates are uniquely compliant, generous, outwardly-focused individuals who stabilize their communities by their uncommon commitment to their families, their churches and larger society.
- Graduates of Christian schools donate money significantly more than graduates of other schools, despite having lower household income. Similarly, graduates of Protestant Christian schools are more generous of their time, participating far more than their peers both in service trips for relief and development and in mission trips for evangelization.
- Administrators of Catholic and Protestant Christian schools both report emphasizing family as one of the most important values in their schools; Protestant Christian schools, however, are more likely to make family the top-ranked emphasis than any of the other options given. This emphasis seems to be taking hold in Protestant Christian school graduates who are having more children and divorcing less frequently than their peers from

**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**

public and Catholic schools.

- Instead of the picture of the Christian positioned on the offense in the “culture war”, these graduates harbor distinctive hope and optimism about their lives and their futures, and have the tools to engage in healthy relationships and address the problems in their lives. Protestant Christian school graduates are the only private school graduates more thankful for what they have in life than their public school peers.

Let’s be thankful for the gift of Christian education, but also look for ways to enhance this unique and wonderful opportunity we have in educating our children. More information can be found about the Cardus Survey at the site listed below. As well at our fall society meeting, I will be going over in more detail the results and their implications for our school. [www.carudseducationsurvey.com](http://www.carudseducationsurvey.com)

Mel Brandsma

## **Board Notes**

**“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.” Psalm 107:1**

We can see God’s love through those around us, by a kind word, a helping hand, or just a smile in passing. Let us continue to show God’s unending love to those we come into contact with in the way we talk, act and treat them.

The Board is very thankful to have received a donation of \$250,000.00 to the Endowment Fund. If you would like to know more about the Endowment Fund and how it works to help the school, please contact one of the Board members.

The Board has approved a goal of \$90,000.00 for the 2012 Fall Drive. Please prayerfully consider your donation to the Fall Drive.

The 2012-2013 board members are:

Peter DeWit – Chairman  
Bernie Kolkman – Vice-Chair  
Carolyn Vanderhoek – Secretary  
Peter Walls – Treasurer  
Bernie TenHove  
Colleen VanderSchee

Jane Visser  
Anita Zuidhof

Carolyn Vanderhoek  
Board Secretary

## **Operating Financial Statement for September 2012**

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|---------------------------|---------------|
| Opening balance – Sept. 1 | \$ 170,469.28 |
| Receipts – Sept 1 – 30    | + 334,372.67  |
| Expenses – Sept 1 – 30    | - 72,583.22   |
| Balance – Sept 30         | \$ 432,258.73 |

## **Tuition Cheques**

If you haven’t sent in your tuition cheques or made arrangements for the year, please send them into the office as soon as possible.

## **2012 Fall Debt Reduction Drive**

Advance notice – watch for your 2012 Fall Debt Reduction Drive brochures in your church mail boxes November 11, 2012. This year’s Fall Drive will run from November 11<sup>th</sup> to December 16<sup>th</sup>. Canvassers will be making calls starting November 18<sup>th</sup>. More information can be obtained from the school office.

Wendy Barnes  
Business Administrator  
[wbarnes@cachs.ca](mailto:wbarnes@cachs.ca)

## **Special Request**

If any parents have the waxed type of cardboard milk or cream cartons (with the sloped “roof” on top) to donate to the school, we could use them for a craft project: the creation of “lanterns” for Lacombe’s Lumenight Celebration, to take place on November 30. Ideally, we will need the cartons by the end of the first week in November. Thank you in advance for sending them with your students!

Carolyn Snipes-Hoyt

## Library Notes

As I write this, we are experiencing our first heavy snowfall, it is cool in the Library and the thought of sitting with a hot chocolate and a good book is very appealing. Christmas is just around the corner, so having snow isn't a big surprise.

Over the past few weeks I have been busy working on purchasing and now labeling new books. Once they have been laminated they will be ready for the shelf. I have found several authors that are relatively new to our collection, such as: Lynette Eason, Evan Angler and Elizabeth Musser. There are also a few new books by recognized authors such as Sigmund Brouwer, Davis Bunn and Dee Henderson. Genres from historical to fantasy and science fiction are all represented.

In September I began keeping stats as to which books were being checked out of the library. I am very pleased to note that we do have individuals who do like to read – 56 fiction books were checked out to only 10 non-fiction. As the year goes by, this will change slightly with the addition of reports and research projects that will be assigned.

Come in and take a look at our collection. If you have a student in the school, you are welcome to come and check out books. Just put your student's name on the card.

Just a reminder that donations of books are always welcome. What can't be used in our library will be passed on to other school or church libraries.

Yvonne Reed  
Librarian

## Christian Home & School Magazine

Christian Schools International is pleased to introduce *Christian Home & School* magazine's new digital format! Beginning on October 29<sup>th</sup> you will be able to access the magazine by clicking the following link, or copy and paste it to your browser:

<http://goo.gl.2LDRM>

## Career Corner

Comment is a publication published by Cardus, and their goal is to equip and connect the next generation of Christian leaders. David Naugle states: "Among the many things we ask of God, let's not forget to ask him for a wise heart and keen intellect. We are commanded to love God with all our minds. Let us humbly and gratefully acknowledge the divine source of our gifts of mind and heart, developing them to the utmost and deploying them for good, with a profound sense of accountability to God."

For some of our students, developing these gifts might be best accomplished through education at a post secondary institution. This is the time of the year where colleges and universities are actively promoting their institutions. This gives students the opportunity to explore many different options available to them. Whether a student is planning on attending school immediately after CACHS or not, much can be learned from the representatives. Here are a few of the opportunities available.

- Lacombe Composite High School Library on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Over 30 schools will be attending.
- Post Secondary Options Day at CACHS on Thursday, November 1, 2012 from 12:30 to 3:00 pm. The following schools are planning on sending a representative:

The King's University College, Canadian University College, Rocky Mountain College, Ambrose, Prairie, Living Faith Bible College, Red Deer College, Dordt College, Calvin College, Trinity Western University, Redeemer University, Canadian Mennonite University, Columbia Bible College

- Red Deer College Open House at Red Deer College on Saturday November 3, 2012 from 10:00 to 4:00 pm

Veronica Den Oudsten  
Career Counselor

## CACHS Catering

A number of the CACHS Catering serving trays, platters, etc have gone missing after being used at various functions. These items were taken home to be emptied and cleaned, but have not been returned to CACHS Catering. We would ask that you please check your cupboards to see if any of these trays or platters are at your house and if so, please return them to the school as soon as possible. Thank you.

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

November 24 – John & Teena Stol 50<sup>th</sup> Anniv –  
Bethel CRC Fellowship Hall  
November 29 – Peppertree supper

If you are able to help serve and/or clean up at any of the CACHS Catering functions, please contact Ann Siebenga. Please consider volunteering a couple hours of your time to help at one of our functions. The 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

## CACHS Alumni Volleyball Tournament

This year the tournament will be held on Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you know of any 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, or email [cachsalumni@hotmail.com](mailto:cachsalumni@hotmail.com)

## Europe Trip Parents & Participants

Thank you for your promptness in taking care of the October installment. The tour company (Mariden) really appreciates our responsibility and timeliness.

Please remember to apply for or renew your passports and bring in three photocopies of the important pages by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Passports need to be valid 6 months after the departure date of March 23, 2013.

Also, do keep in mind that the balance for the trip will be due by November 28, 2012. We will let you know the precise amount as soon as Mariden has given us that figure.

Blessings,  
Carolyn Snipes-Hoyt

## 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.

## Calendar

November 5 – Picture retake day  
November 12 – Remembrance Day (in lieu of – no school)  
November 12 – 16 – **No Wolf Creek bussing**  
**November 29<sup>th</sup> – CACHS Society meeting 7:30 pm - Please note change of date!!**  
December 22 – CACHS Alumni volleyball Tournament  
December 22 – January 6 – Christmas break

**NOTE – Spring Break 2013 – March 22<sup>nd</sup> to April 2<sup>nd</sup> – classes resume April 3<sup>rd</sup>.**