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NEWSLETTER

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“Christ Jesus, who though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:5-11 (English Standard Version)

Sometimes just reading the Christmas story as told by Luke in his gospel, reduces the impact of what really happened approximately 2015 years ago. This was not just a story of a birth, but of a gift to creation as a way of bringing restoration to a broken world. This also is not just a one-time event which allows us a way of gaining a “right” relationship with our Creator, but Christ’s life also serves as an incredible model of what it requires to be an image bearer of God. May this Christmas allow us an opportunity to truly reflect on the “gift” but also the renewed motivation to continue to mold our lives to more accurately reflect Christ’s example. He came to

save and to serve. We are unable to save, but we certainly can serve. May God grant you many opportunities this holiday season to serve on behalf of One who is worthy of all our praise.

Mel Brandsma

Thank You !!

Miranda Faulkner and Crystal Zens, on behalf of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Lacombe and District, would like to say a **HUGE “THANK YOU”** to the CACHS students who came out to help at the BBBS Christmas dinner on December 10th. This is one of the biggest events that BBBS hosts and we were blessed to have some of the CACHS students volunteer with us. Thank you to Ryan Swier, Caden Den Oudsten and Daniel Venhuis who came after school to help move tables, set up tables, and get the Santa’s treat bags as well as the volunteer thank-you’s ready. Also thank you to Kescia Den Oudsten, Megan Scholing, Kara Folkerts and Erin Vandeborn who arrived after their basketball practice to help get the food organized and served. All the students helped serve the food, collect the dishes and tidy up. It was a very busy night and every student was independent and hard working. The more help we have the more amazing the night becomes! We are so thankful that they were willing and able to help – without them, things would not have run so smoothly. Thanks again!

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. 1Timothy 4:12

Please Take Note

**Spring Break 2013 – March 22nd to April 2nd.
Classes will resume April 3rd**

**Advance Notice – Grad pictures will be taken at
the school on February 27, 28 and March 1.**

**January study sessions and exam schedules are
listed in this newsletter under the Calendar.**

Board Notes

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. Luke 2: 15-16

In this time as we celebrate the birth of our Lord, the members of the board would like to wish the students, staff and parents a blessed Christmas and the Lord’s blessing in the New Year. Let us remember the reason for the season and keep Christ in our hearts as we gather together to rejoice in His coming.

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 December 2012

Opening balance – Nov. 1	\$ 387,251.38
Receipts – Nov. 1 – 30	+ 68,366.71
Expenses – Nov. 1 – 30	- 126,473.40
Balance as of Nov. 30	\$ 329,144.69

Fall Debt Reduction Drive 2012

The Fall Debt Reduction Drive for 2012 is officially over. If you would still like to make a donation, please send it directly to the school at 22 Eagle Road, Lacombe, AB T4L 1G7 – Attn. Wendy Barnes. If you would like to make a donation by December 31, 2012, I will be at the school on the morning of December 31st checking the mail and making a deposit at 11:30 a.m. Please call me at home to make arrangements for a different drop off day. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our fall drive, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

May God bless you and your family during this Christmas season as you spend time reflecting on Christ’s birth.

Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator
wbarnes@cachs.ca

Development Committee

The development committee at CACHS is offering an opportunity for alumni and supporters to explore the stories from the Bible in the setting in which they were written. We have contacted GTI Tours of Holland, Michigan. GTI Tours is a travel agency which provides Christian study tours of Israel and the surrounding countries. They would arrange our airfare, accommodations, meals, and tours in Israel and can customize the tour to accommodate our needs and goals.

This opportunity will allow you to gain a deeper understanding of the Bible through first hand experiences. At the present time we have about 30 people who have expressed interest.

If you feel that this is a trip that you would like to be a part of, please contact Sid or Beatrice and we will email you an intention slip.

Sid Doornbos
Beatrice Vriend

Library Notes - December 2012

It finally feels a lot like Christmas. After a very unseasonable fall we now have snow, the tree is up and decorated, many of us have already had at least one Christmas Pageant, and the baking and dinner planning has begun. I know these past weeks have been a whirlwind for me so it's time to relax and enjoy a little "Silent Night" and a cookie or two.

With the Christmas break coming up, I have been encouraging the students to return the books they have finished and take a new book out for the break. If during your pre-Christmas clean up (or post-Christmas) you find any of our library books in various rooms of your house, please help them find their way back to the school during the first week in January! Thank you.

It has been requested that I include a few book suggestions, so here are a few that have caught my attention.

Lynette Eason is a new author to our collection and she has written the "Women of Justice" series. There are currently three books in this series. In Book 1, we are introduced to a FBI agent. In book 2 the main character is a forensic anthropologist and in book 3 the main character is a hostage negotiator. Those of you who enjoyed both Dee Henderson and Irene Hanon will most likely enjoy this author too.

Sigmund Brouwer and **Hank Hanegraaff** have again joined together to produce the latest in "The Last Disciple" series; The Last Temple. In this book we again follow Vitas on his journey through Rome and into Judea. The reader is introduced to early church history and the destruction of the Temple.

Alton Gansky and Mark Hitchcock, have also joined together to write the latest in Science fiction/Apocalyptic/Tribulation genre; 8 Minutes to Digital Winter. This book reminds me of the new television show Revolution, or Terri Blackstock's Light Series. This new book however is more technical, laying out the effects of EMP's (electromagnetic pulse) and Cyber Terrorism. The characters and their relationships take a backseat to the science.

These are just a few of the many new books that are now on the shelf waiting to be discovered. Take a few moments to come and explore our collection. May you have a blessed Christmas season.

Yvonne Reed, Librarian

Career Corner

Career of the Month – Software Engineer

Software engineers specify, design, develop and evaluate software such as business and engineering applications, databases, process control systems and systems software. This may involve developing re-usable software that can be adapted for more than one application. In some cases, they develop special purpose embedded software for inclusion in computer controlled products such as washing machine controls and automobile engines. Four years of post secondary schooling is required to become one.

Just a reminder to any student who is considering schooling in the United States that many of the American schools require the ACT or SAT test. Please see me in the new year regarding taking this test as there are limited testing times.

I wish you all a blessed Christmas season. As we celebrate the amazing birth of Christ, I wish you all a time of peace and joy.

Veronica Den Oudsten
Career Counselor

Note from Lifetouch

It's not too late to order your School Pictures! If the due date has passed and you haven't ordered your school photos ... it's not too late. Your options are to mail your order and payment directly to Lifetouch at 1410 Mountain Avenue – Suite 1, Winnipeg, MB. R2X 0A4 or place your order by phone using your credit card – call Lifetouch at 1-866-457-8212. Questions: Call 1-866-457-8212. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to capture your portrait memories.

CACHS Catering

CACHS Catering would like to thank everyone who has helped us at our various events over the past few months. We look forward to seeing some of you again in the new year but also hope to meet some new faces helping us at our functions.

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

March 5 – Bibles for Missions supper at New Life Fellowship Church – Red Deer

April 12 – CACHS Fashion show

June 28 – CACHS Grade 12 grad

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

We wish you all a blessed Christmas as you spend time with family and friends.

Emma Den Oudsten

CACHS Catering

CACHS Student Council News

Student council has been blessed with an amazing group of people who are filled with school spirit and fun. This year we have a point system competition that is happening throughout the whole year. Be involved as a class and you can receive points for your grade. So far Grade 12 has been the leaders with the other grades not far behind.

Student Council has been involved in school

activities in a few ways.

- Announcements filled with fun facts, musical Mondays and just random song selections in between moments of information giving!
- Subway day which was a little chaotic but everyone got fed!
- Dress up days: from Disney to Similarity day we had kids filling the halls with their ideas and costumes.
- Filling jars for World Vision, the goal is to be able to buy a stable full of animals (around \$1500). Funds raised so far are \$547.00

We have really appreciated all the support given by parents, the teachers and especially our student body in these events. Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Europe Trip Update

Thank you so much for meeting your financial obligations in a timely manner. Plans are definitely moving ahead for the trip and we leave in just three months!

Please keep in mind that the Liability Waiver and the Insurance form (participating adults only) need to come back before the Christmas holiday – or in the week of January 7 – 11 at the latest. The Consent Form for students not yet 18 years old on departure date must be completed and returned to the school by February 15, 2013. This form must be filled out and then signed by parents not accompanying the student, in the presence of a lawyer or notary; the form must also be signed by the official and his or her seal must be affixed to it.

If some of you need to tell others what gift you need over the holiday season, consider mentioning that you would like a travel pouch for valuables -- to wear next to your skin. And perhaps some euros from the bank -- for lunches and incidentals on the trip -- could be used as stocking stuffers!

With all good wishes for a Blessed Christmas and Holiday Season.

Carolyn Snipes-Hoyt and the team of faculty chaperones (Mel Brandsma, Pete Hoekstra, Rolanda Huizenga-Lodewyk and Travis Eggink)

Calendar

December 22 – January 6 – Christmas break
January 7 (Monday) – Classes resume

Grade 12 Departmental exam schedule and study sessions are as follows:

Grade 12 study sessions:

English 30-1 & 30-2 – January 8, 9 and 10

Chemistry 30 – January 16, 23 and 28

Math 30-1 & 30-2 – January 15, 17, 24

Social 30-1 & 3-2 – January 7 & 14

Jan. 14 – English 30-1 & 30-2 – Part A

Jan. 15 – Social Studies 30-1 & 30-2 – Part A

Jan. 21 – English 30-1 & 30-2 – Part B

Jan. 22 – Social 30-1 & 30-2 – Part B

Jan. 24 – French 30 (not a departmental)

Jan. 25 – Math 30-1 & 30-2

Jan. 29 – Chemistry 30

- All departmental exams begin at 9:00 a.m and will run until 11:00 or 11:30 depending on the exam.

Exams for Grades 10 & 11 – Jan. 24 – 29th

Jan. 24 – Grade 11 - Social 20-1 and 20-2

Grade 10 – English 10-1 and 10-2

Jan. 25 – Grade 11 – Math 20-1 and 20-2

Grade 10 – French 10

Jan. 28 – Grade 11 – Chemistry 20

Grade 10 – Math 10 Common

Jan. 29 - Grade 11- English 20-1 and 20-2

Jan. 30 – Exam make up day

January 30 – Ski trip

January 31 – Semester break – no school

February 1 – First day of second semester

February 5 – Final report card for first semester

February 7 – Parent teacher interviews after school and in the evening

February 8 – Staff inservice – no school

February 18 – Family Day in Alberta – no school

February 21 & 22 – No Wolf Creek bussing

March 23 – April 1 – Europe trip

June 28 – Grade 12 graduation

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Drop In Basketball

If you are interested in playing basketball you are invited to the following drop in dates and times:

Thurs. Dec. 27 - Girls: 9 am to 11 am

Boys: 11 am to 1 pm

Mon. Dec. 31 – Girls: 10 am to noon

Boys: Noon to 2 pm

Thurs. Jan 3 – Girls: 10 am to Noon

Boys: Noon to 2 pm

Please contact Veronica Den Oudsten at 403-318-0349 if you have questions.

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.

Christian Home & School Magazine (note corrected link)

Christian Home and School Magazine is no longer sending out printed copies. Instead they are providing the link to their magazine. Christian Schools International is pleased to introduce *Christian Home & School* magazine's new digital format! Beginning on October 29th 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>