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NEWSLETTER

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“Foundations”

Last week Sandra and I went to Smithers for a funeral. My dear Auntie Sophie was put to rest at the age of 88. It was a blessing to be there, to celebrate family and community, faith and faithfulness. On the way home I reflected on the concept of foundations: those things we hinge our lives on to, those ideas or beliefs which are the platform we use to raise our families and base our life's decisions upon.

Auntie Sophie had a foundation built on her faith. It was the foundation that got her through a life filled with trials and tribulations. It allowed her to remain strong in spite of burying her husband and two sons all within 18 months. But there also was a warning. The family, while it was brought together for a funeral, was in many ways a fractured unit. Harsh words, lines drawn in the sand and denominational alliances prevented the family from ever worshiping together or meeting on regular occasions. And yet when we left, I felt hope. Hope because God can restore some of those broken relationships.

What legacies do we leave behind? What will our children remember, celebrate, or wish was different? At the beginning of this New Year many of us made

resolutions. Funerals have a way of putting things back in perspective. I learned many things from my aunt, but the one thing I will always cherish is her unwavering trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. I trust the healing to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

“My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found!

Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!”

Mel Brandsma

Lost and Found

A number of items were found after the Alumni volleyball tournament on December 22nd. Some of these items were children's hats, boots and toys. Are you missing any items? Please give Ann a call at the school at 403-782-4535 if some of the items may belong to you.

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

Board Notes

“Give praise to the Lord, proclaim His name; make known among the nations what He has done. Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts. Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always.” Psalm 105:1-4

The Board did not meet in December but will meet again on January 28th. We pray that we will all continue to grow closer to our Lord and Saviour in 2013, share the good news of Christ with others and seek Him in all areas of our lives. Have a blessed 2013!

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 January 2013

Opening balance – December 1	\$	329,144.69
Receipts – Dec. 1 – Dec. 31	+	49,319.84
Expenses – Dec 1 – Dec. 31	-	86,168.20
Balance as of Dec. 31	\$	292,296.33

Fall Debt Reduction Drive 2012

The Fall Debt Reduction Drive for 2012 was truly a blessing to the school. Including the proceeds from Harvest Fest, we met our goal of \$90,000.00. We would like to THANK the greater school community for their continuing support of CACHS. We are blessed by your contributions whether it is by prayer, volunteering or financial. We thank our God for each and every one of you! May God bless you as you have blessed us!

Income Tax Receipts

All the income tax receipts for 2012 have been distributed by church mail boxes or by mail. If you have not received yours by the end of January, please give me a call and I will send you a duplicate one. If you have any questions regarding your receipt give me a call at 403-782-4535.

Yours in Christ
Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

Alberta Education Accountability Pillar Survey

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we're equipping students for success.

The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators consisting of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of quality; student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates; and provincial assessments of student learning.

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey. In January, parents of students in Grades 10, 11 and 12 will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in Grade 10, 11 and 12 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with the school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Cree, Korean, Spanish and Tagalog.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2013, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

Library Notes - January 2013

A new year seems to already be slipping by. Many of you have a student or two or three, taking exams or working up to semester finals. With the semester ending that means report cards will be out shortly and with those report cards may be a list of books that your son/daughter has checked out of the library but that have not yet been returned. At this point it is not urgent that these books are returned but we would like to have them back as soon as possible.

We all have many things expected of us, whether it is driving students to a game or attending a meeting, but take a moment to “escape” with a book. There is nothing better than good music, a cup of something delicious and a good book. Here are a few from our collection that I would suggest.

A local Christian author, Sigmund Brouwer and WaterBrook Press, have rereleased the book **Magnus** in the form of a series which is called “Merlin’s Immortals”. The first title in this series is **The Orphan King**. The original series “Winds of Light” which became **Magnus**, was written for 9 – 12 year olds. This new series on the other hand, is written for young adults. Like the original series we will follow a character named Thomas through an ancient mysterious world of Druids, cryptic knights and castles. I personally really enjoyed **Magnus**, and have been looking for the book for a few years but it had been out of print so it is nice to finally be able to read it again. I am hoping that the author has fleshed out the story line and the characters. We will see as time goes on. The next book, **Fortress of Mist**, will be now be released in February.

A new author, Scott Appleton, has written a series in the same vein as Bryan Davis’ “**Dragons in our Midst**”. The series is called The Sword of the Dragon. The first in the series **Sword of Six** is a book of high adventure that fantasy readers will appreciate especially Christian fantasy readers in this case. The allegory behind the tale is immediately recognizable. There are other more subtle allegory themes laced throughout the tale with characters like the mysterious shepherd called Patient and the man named Specter. In this series you will find valor, self-sacrifice and above all love.

Last, but definitely not least, is the latest by one of my favorite authors, Lynn Austin. **All Things New**, is the story of a woman who returns to her family’s

plantation in Virginia after the Civil War. Lynn Austin is a historical writer and has written series based on the Old Testament Kings and freed slaves. She has the ability to make history come alive as well as weave biblical truths into the story line. I am really looking forward to sitting down with this book.

If you would be interested in perusing our collection and taking something out, please don’t hesitate to come in and talk to me and I will set it up for you.

Have a great month.
Yvonne Reed
Librarian

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 at the CACHS office at
403-782-4535

Career Corner

Career of the Month: Respiratory Therapist

Respiratory Therapists work with patients of all ages who have breathing problems associated with acute and chronic diseases. They provide care to patients in hospitals, extended or assisted living care facilities, community-based care, homecare or diagnostic laboratories. Three years of education is required.

If you are applying for any post-secondary program in Alberta, remember to go through www.applyalberta.ca This way all of your high school marks will automatically be sent to the institution you are applying to.

Remind your high school students to check out www.studentawards.com for more scholarship opportunities, and many more online tools that will help in deciding on what to do in the years ahead.

Veronica Den Oudsten
Career Counselor

Calendar

Exam Schedule:

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

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

NOTE – Spring Break 2013 – March 22nd to April 2nd – classes resume April 3rd

CACHS Catering

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

March 4 – Bibles for Missions supper at New Life Fellowship Church – Red Deer
April 12 – CACHS Fashion show
April 20 – Vanderhoek 40th anniversary – First CRC Red Deer
June 28 – CACHS Grade 12 graduation

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

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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.

Europe Trip Update

I would just like to remind you that we need the "Travel Consent Form" to be filled out and signed by both parents of students under the age of 18, in the presence of a lawyer or notary, and affixed with the seal of the latter, by February 15, 2013. If one parent will be accompanying the student, the other parent still needs to meet with the official to have the form signed. We have already received these forms from several of the students, but we **still need them for the following students:**

Daniel Albert, Edwin Brouwer, Kescia Den Oudsten, Celine DeWit, Brandon Doornbos, Diana Hoekstra, Jacques Ollewagen, Anika Pierik, Hendrik Pols, Cody Scheltus, Curtis Swift, Heather Van Stryland, Wesley Verhoef, Daniel Venhuis, Jonathan Verveda and Michael Verveda.

Also, some students have been asking how much spending money they will need for the trip. I would certainly bring some Canadian dollars to buy food and drink in the Calgary and Montreal airports. Also, I strongly urge everyone to obtain Euros from a bank here for the trip. We are well over 40 people and will not want to line up at the first bank machine when we arrive in Europe! ATM machines are not as readily available there as they are here and your debit card may not work in every bank you try. Also, you will not be able to make purchases in Europe with a Canadian debit card. Major credit cards can be used (Visa and Mastercard), but you will not be able to use them with all vendors. The faculty chaperones who have gone on these trips before would recommend a minimum 90-100 Euros in cash per person (and not more than 300 Euros). The 90-100 Euros would cover light lunches and perhaps a small souvenir or two. We recommend that each person have a "money belt" or other hidden money pouch you can wear next to your skin, where you keep your passport, some cash, a debit and/or credit card (if you have one), your insurance card, and hotel information. The cash is also important in the unlikely event that you get separated from the group and need to take a taxi to the hotel.

It's only two months now until we leave on our adventure! We will have a Europe Trip Meeting early in March, where we will go over more details

about the trip. We will let you know as soon as we have a date for the information session.

We wish you God's blessings in 2013.

The teacher chaperones: Carolyn Snipes-Hoyt, Mel Brandsma, Peter Hoekstra, Travis Eggink and Rolanda Huizenga-Lodewyk

School Spirit & World Vision

Christmas was in the air for the students of Central Alberta Christian High School. During the month of December a competition between grades was held to collect money for World Vision. Each class was given the challenge to fill the jars in each classroom with spare change. The success was overwhelming, especially as the competition between grades grew. Coins, bills, along with cheques were quietly placed in grade jars to support the World Vision cause!

The goal for the school was to raise enough money to fill a stable full of animals, which included a cow, chickens, ducks, pigs, goats and more, a value that totaled \$1,200. Not only did they achieve that goal but the students managed to raise an extra \$96 making the final total \$1,296.01. We are super proud of all the students who were involved and the school spirit that resulted. Thanks to everyone who made a sacrifice to make this a Christmas of giving!