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NEWSLETTER

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“A Right Relationship”

“People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.” Mother Teresa

Sometimes a reminder of the purpose of life is the best way of placing our priorities back in place. At times we congratulate ourselves and think of our goodness. We are good neighbors, productive citizens, quality parents, and we deserve the many blessings we receive. Other times, we lament life is not fair, that we are short changed in terms of advantages others seem to be receiving. Mother Teresa's quote helps put us on the “Right Road” when she states that life, while it involves many individuals who God places in our path, really is secondary. It is about serving God first and foremost and in doing so; we serve our neighbor as well.

I recently heard the words of a gentleman who passed away at the age of 79. People would come to visit him in his last week of life in the hospital and they would ask how he was doing. He would respond with a wonderful phrase, “I am not okay, but it's okay” reflecting that while his earthly body was suffering, his spiritual presence was at peace because he truly understood that at the end, it was between him and God and everything else is secondary.

May you too realize that while life brings incredible highs and lows, it truly is about your relationship with God that matters, so do “good” for Him. Blessings upon each of you, as we begin this new school year together.

In His Service
Mel Brandsma

CACHS cordially invites you to our first **Meet the Teacher** event, where you have the opportunity to chat with the staff over a cup of coffee. Whether you are a new parent or an “old hand” who is well acquainted with our staff and school, we encourage you to pop by for refreshments and fellowship, get acquainted, share words of encouragement, and celebrate a great start to another school year.

When: Thursday, October 11 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Where: CACHS gym

We look forward to seeing you there!

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

Board Notes

Welcome back staff, students and families of CACHS. We would also like to extend a big welcome to our new students and their families! We hope that all had an enjoyable and refreshing summer and look forward to another year of the school community with learning and various activities and programs.

This year we are welcoming Beatrice Vriend as our first Development Officer. We are excited to have her working with the Development Committee to communicate the benefits of Christian High School education in our community.

We pray that it will be a year of growing academically as well as spiritually for us all!

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

Board representatives on committees are:

Education committee – Anita Zuidhof and Colleen VanderSchee
Finance committee – Peter Walls, Peter DeWit and Jane Visser
Development committee – Bernie Tenhove
Maintenance committee – Bernie Kolkman
Transportation committee – Bernie Tenhove
PCCE - Jane Visser
AISCA – Bernie Kolkman
CACHS Catering – Colleen VanderSchee
PCEEF – Bernie Tenhove

Carolyn Vanderhoek
Board Secretary

CACHS Family Phone List

The 2012-2013 CACHS family phone list is part of this newsletter. Please inform the office if there are any errors.

Operating Financial Statement for August 2012

Opening balance – June 1	\$ 192,160.58
Receipts – June 1 – August 31	+ 256,410.04
Expenses – June 1 – August 31	- 278,101.34
Balance as of August 31	\$ 170,469.28

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.

Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator
wbarnes@cachs.ca

Important information regarding Europe Trip

I am sorry there has been some confusion about the dates for the Europe trip. We are not departing on March 21, but rather on March 23, 2013 (very early). We return on the evening of April 1, 2013. Please ask for details if you have not received my letter sent via email. We will celebrate Easter in Paris!

Also, we hope to receive your next deposit of \$1,000.00 per person by noon on October 5, 2012, before the Thanksgiving weekend.

Don't forget to update your passport and plan to bring three photocopies of the important page to me or Wendy Barnes by October 31, since names will soon be needed for the air tickets.

Lastly, Mariden, the tour company says they could still take a few more student participants and would waive the late fee, if a couple of CACHS 11th or 12th graders would like to join us. But please let me know as soon as possible. A cheque for \$2,300.00 Cdn (made out to CACHS) would have to be submitted to Wendy Barnes by the October deadline in order for new participants to catch up with the others.

It is only six months until we leave! Mariden is working on many details of the trip, ensuring that it will be an unforgettable experience for all.

Carolyn Snipes-Hoyt

Library Notes

The school year is already a couple of weeks old and we are well into our various classes and sports.

We have some new additions to our collection, so when you have a free moment, come and browse our shelves.

Some of the new titles are:

Heart of Stone, by Jill Marie Landis. This is the first book in the Irish Angel series.

Homecoming Karen Kingsbury's latest and last of the Baxter series.

Colleen Coble's Lonestar series and the Gregor: The Underland Chronicles by Suzanne Collins.

These are just a few of what will be on the shelves shortly.

Thanks again for the donation of books and magazines. If the books are duplicates they will be forwarded to other libraries. Thank you again.

Yvonne Reed
Librarian

Congratulations

Congratulations to 19 of our grads and former grads who received a total of \$33,300.00 in Alexander Rutherford scholarships. The students receiving these funds are registered to attend post secondary schools this fall.

CACHS Alumni Volleyball Tournament

This year the tournament will be held on Saturday, December 22nd. 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

Career Corner

This is the time of the year for students to explore the many opportunities in post-secondary education. One of the best things students can do is attend the open house of a school they might be interested in attending. Here are a few:

The King's University College – October 20

Red Deer College – November 3

NAIT and SAIT – October 19 – 20

Olds College – September 28

Lakeland College – October 26 – 27

Please check their websites for more information.

The Grade 11 CALM class will be travelling to Edmonton on September 28 to attend the 2012 Alberta Employment and Career Fair. There will be up to 200 exhibitors, with 3400 job opportunities. Alberta's largest and most comprehensive career and job fair provides participants with an opportunity to learn more about job trends and pursue careers by talking with people who already work in the industry. The 2012 Alberta Employment and Career Fair runs on Friday, September 28 from 9 – 5 and Saturday, September 29 from 10 – 4. Please check out www.AlbertaEmploymentAndCareerFair.com for more details.

Veronica Den Oudsten
Career Counselor

Calendar

October 8 – Thanksgiving – no school

October 11 – Meet the teacher evening

October 15 – Student/class picture day

October 17 – 19 – Teachers' convention – no school

October 26 – Harvest Fest – see note elsewhere

October 26 – Early dismissal at 2:15

No Wolf Creek bussing

November 5 – Picture retake day

November 12 – Remembrance Day (in lieu of – no school)

November 12 – 16 – No Wolf Creek bussing

December 22 – CACHS Alumni volleyball Tournament

December 22 – January 6 – Christmas break

CACHS Catering

We would like to say a big “Thank You” to all those who helped us at the various functions this summer. Your help was greatly appreciated!

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

October 11 – Ponoka Christian School

Thanksgiving dinner at Ponoka Christian School

October 20 – Woltjer/Rien wedding at Bentley
Ag Center

October 26 – Harvest Fest

November 29 – Peppertree supper

If you are able to help serve and/or clean up at any of these functions, 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

If you would like to place your business ad in our monthly newsletter, please contact Ann at the school at 403-782-4535.

Harvest Fest 2012

Featuring CACHS Alumni

Justine Vandergrift

Justine will share her musical talent for the evening with band members Anthony Middel, Dennis Bouwman and CACHS Alumni David Prins.

Friday October 26, 2012

- At Lacombe Memorial Centre
- Silent Auction. . . 6:30-9:00 pm
- Dinner. 7:00-8:30 pm
- Entertainment. . . 9:00 pm

Come out for an evening of fun, good food and entertainment.



Tickets. \$35.00

Available from the School 403-782-4535

Harvest Fest 2012

**Featuring
"Justine Vandergrift"**

Justine has been singing and creating music her entire life. Her songwriting results in a vast array of genres and styles. Her witty and insightful lyrics coupled with her passionate one-of-a-kind voice makes Justine stand out long after the performances. In 2011, Justine released her first full album "Yes Alright Ok." It received excellent reviews and airtime on CBC Radio, CKUA and other Canadian and international stations. Not long after the release, Justine was awarded a recording grant from Up 97.7/Rawlco Radio and went on to release "so Far..." in June 2012.

It has been a busy couple of years writing, recording and performing. Aside from touring, this songstress is passionate about music as therapy, inclusion of people with developmental disabilities, ecological sustainability, international development, integrative health and several social justice issues that she helps coordinated at The Micah Centre in Edmonton.

Join us as Justine shares her musical talents for the evening with band members Anthony Middel, Dennis Bouwman and CACHS Alumni David Prins.

It will be an evening of great fun for the whole family.

If you have items you would like to donate to Harvest Fest, please drop them off at the school or phone 403-782-4535 for pick up.

Tickets are on sale now! Get your tickets early as we were sold out last year. Watch for details about who will be selling tickets in your area. Tickets will also be available at the school.

When: Friday October 26, 2012

Where: Lacombe Memorial Centre

Silent Auction will begin at 6:30 pm

Dinner at 7:00 pm

Entertainment 9:00 – 11:00 pm

Cost: \$35.00 each

Please note we will not be selling any tickets at the door.

