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NEWSLETTER

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Connecting Dots

“The Power of a Story”

During a devotional reading after supper last week, we were looking at Jesus’ teaching and how He used parables (an earthly story with a heavenly meaning) to help illustrate Kingdom principles and practices for us to use on earth. Stories have a wonderful way of connecting truths to real life situations and serve as timeless testimonies of faith. We have all studied the Old Testament stories of men and women, called by God to be his ambassadors in a land which did not know him. We have marveled at the story of Joseph used by God to save his people from starvation. The story of Daniel stirs our hearts to accept whatever God presents us and to echo the words of his three friends, “But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your majesty, that we will not serve your gods....” Daniel 3:18. The story of Joshua and his challenge to the Israelite nation “But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord”. Biblical stories are meant to strengthen us but sometimes we fail to recognize that we too have a story to tell.

I enjoy sitting around with my aunts and uncles and hear the stories of their upbringing and the move to Canada.

There is always the underlying message of God’s faithfulness but yet it is not always talked about. I am puzzled by this and wonder if this is part of the reason for our generation to walk away at times from the faith. Stories are terrific but when they are not personal, when faith is not lived out, future generations begin to see them as just a story to be enjoyed and nothing more. Parents: Talk to your children, your grandchildren, young and old, about your faith, your foundation and purpose in life. Speak of it often and model it constantly. We all need a story; it is the way we are made. It is a story that speaks of life, its purpose and value, and the ultimate reward of life with Christ, now and forever. “I love to tell the story of unseen things above, Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love;..... Be sure to tell your story as well. If God is at the center, it’s worth repeating. May God bless each of you as we remember the story of God’s sacrifice.

Mel Brandsma

Reminder!!

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

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

“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:8

The Board will be seeking nominations for Board members to replace those whose terms are ending this year. A nomination form is part of this newsletter and nominations will be accepted until April 30, 2013. Nomination forms may be given to any Board member or dropped off in a sealed envelope at the school office.

We pray for an enjoyable and relaxing time off during Spring Break and travelling mercies for those going on the Europe trip and all those who will be away at this time.

May you be blessed as you prepare for and reflect on the ultimate sacrifice of our Lord because of His grace and love for us!

Carolyn Vanderhoek
Board Secretary

Student/Parent Pizza and Pop Evening

Our annual Student/Parent Pizza and Pop evening will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 10th here at the school. We invite all Grade 9 students and their parents to this evening, where students will enjoy games and mixers, and a presentation will be made to the parents by our principal, Mr. Brandsma. At approximately 8:15 pizza and pop will be served and everyone will have the opportunity to mingle and meet everyone, including the CACHS staff. Invitations have been sent out to the Grade nine students at Lacombe Christian School, Ponoka Christian School, Rimbey Christian School and Gateway Christian School. If you know of any students who are not attending one of these schools and would be interested in coming, please call the school and an invitation will be sent to them. If you have any questions regarding the evening, please call Ann at the school at 403-782-4535.

Operating Financial Statement for March 2013

Opening balance – Feb 1	\$ 233,684.71
Receipt – Feb 1 – 28	+ 25,919.36
Expenses – Feb 1 – 28	- <u>52,575.63</u>
Balance – Feb 28	\$ 197,028.44

Yours in Christ
Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

Fashion Show & Dessert Evening

On Friday, April 12th at 7:00 pm, CACHS will be hosting their annual Fashion Show and Dessert evening. This year all proceeds will be go to the local chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Society. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the fashion show will start at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 each and are available by calling the school office at 403-782-4535. Be sure to come out for a great night of fashion, desserts, music and a Silent Auction.

In-dey-go Cookie Dough

There are a number of tubs of In-dey-go cookie dough that are for sale. If you are interested in any of them please call the school at 403-782-4535. Regular cookie dough tubs are \$15 each and the gluten free tubs are \$18 each.

Regular cookie dough:
Chocolate Chunk – 3 tubs
Dark Chocolate/White Chocolate Chunk – 1 tub
Ginger Crinkle – 5 tubs
White Chocolate Macadamia Nut – 5 tubs
Oatmeal Coconut Chocolate Chunk – 5 tubs
Oatmeal Raisin Spice – 4 tubs
Shortbread – 2 tubs
Sugar Cookie – 1 tub

Gluten free cookie dough:
Macaroon – 4 tubs
Chocolate Macaroon – 2 tubs

Library Notes - March 2013

The angel announced "He is not here; He has risen!"
Matthew 28:6

With that in mind, take time to really listen to the Easter story this year. Spend time examining it. If you are like me maybe a story will help...

Melody Carlson wrote Three Days. This novel is written from Mary, Mother of Jesus' point of view. Even though this is a fictionalized story of her life, we can get an idea of the deep faith, worry, despair and ultimately, eternal hope that she felt. Follow her and those around her through those three dark days before Jesus' resurrection.

Centurion's Wife is written by Davis Bunn and Janette Oke. This story begins after the ascension. We follow a Roman centurion on his quest to find out the truth about the death of a poor migrant teacher. His wife is befriended by the sisters Mary and Martha and through her eyes we see the growth of the early church. Finally, consider Mary written by Francine Rivers. She writes about Mary and Jesus and his siblings. We follow her from the visit of the angel to the foot of the cross.

Just a reminder that the Grade 12 English class is presently doing research for their argumentative speeches. After the Spring Break, the Grade 10 Ethics class and the Grade 11 Religious Meanings class will both be doing projects. The students and I would appreciate it if all the books could be returned to the library as soon as the projects are completed. That way the next group of students will have access to our full collection.

May you and your families have a blessed Easter.

Have a great month!
Yvonne Reed
Librarian

Grad Trip

On May 29-31 the Grade 12 class will be going to Sundance Lodges in Kananaskis for the grad trip. Activities will include: Roller blading at Lloyds Roller Rink, going to a restaurant, wide games, white water rafting, hiking and a trip to Banff.

Career Corner

Career of the Month: Geomatics Engineer

Geomatics engineers use terrestrial, marine, airborne and satellite sensors to gather data and develop information systems suitable for land use planning and landscape analysis.

Grade 12 students planning on attending post secondary education institutions in the fall should be exploring scholarship opportunities. We are thankful for those organizations that have made a commitment to helping the youth of today by offering scholarships. The Lacombe Rotary offers four awards of \$1000 each and many of our students have applied for this scholarship.

We are also thankful for the post secondary institutions that have come to assist our students with the application process. The King's University College came by on March 19th and Dordt College came by on March 20th.

After Spring Break more information will be provided for the grade 12's in regards to scholarships and student loans. It is always best to apply as early as possible to university and college, however most schools will still be accepting applications into the summer.

I wish all a blessed Easter.

Veronica Den Oudsten
Career Counselor

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.

CACHS Catering

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

April 12 – CACHS Fashion show
April 20 – Vanderhoek 40th anniversary –
First CRC Red Deer
April 20 – Gideons banquet at CACHS
June 1 – Village Missions at Lincoln Hall
June 28 – CACHS Grade 12 graduation
July 12 – Abma anniversary at Gull Lake Hall
July 13 – Stoker
July 20 – Doef anniversary

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

Emma Den Oudsten
CACHS Catering



Calendar

NOTE – Spring Break 2013
– March 22nd to April 2nd

April 3 – Classes resume

March 23 – April 1 – Europe trip
April 10 – Student/Parent Pizza and Pop evening
7:00 pm – see note elsewhere
April 12 – Fashion show & Dessert evening at 7:00
pm at CACHS – see note elsewhere
April 19 – First report card for second semester
April 23 – Israel trip meeting 7:30 pm at the school
May 17 – Staff inservice – no school
May 20 – Victoria Day – no school
May 23 – Society meeting – 7:30 pm
June 28 – Grade 12 graduation
July 13 – Class of '93 – 20 year reunion at CACHS
Contact or RSVP to cachs1993@gmail.com

Development Committee

There has been a positive response to the Israel Trip offered by CACHS Development Committee. If you are interested there are still a few spots available. 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.

Our plan is to leave April 7 and return April 17, 2014. If you feel that this is a trip you would like to be a part of we are having an information evening on Tuesday, April 23rd at 7:30 pm at Central Alberta Christian High School

Contact for more information:

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Beatrice Vriend or CACHS Office at 403-782-4535