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NEWSLETTER

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“Do you want to be counted wise, to build a reputation for wisdom? Here’s what you do: Live wisely, live humbly. It’s the way you live, not the way you talk, that counts.” James 3:13-14 (Message)

We live in a world where information is readily available on our phones and computers. We live in a culture where information (often of dubious origin) is valued. But with all this information, wisdom is required to sort out the useful from the useless. We have new technologies which allow for nuclear power to be harnessed for a variety of purposes and yet we need wisdom in response to these developments. The world seeks power through the attainment of knowledge but without parameters, this often becomes a misguided attempt to manipulate.

In the staff room at school, a quote on the wall reminds the staff of the importance of living a life that is wise. It reads: “The life of the speaker has greater weight in determining whether he is obediently heard than any grandness in eloquence” (St. Augustine). At times teachers are overwhelmed by the need for not only wise words, but also actions which demonstrate true wisdom. Christian education seeks to place God back into the information highway and allowing His Word to act as

the filter. There is much to learn in the world where God has placed us and yet as King Solomon found out, much of this gathering of information is useless unless it is in line with a fear of God and obedience to His commandments. (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

At times like these, we are thankful for the wisdom of community that God affords us. We are thankful for the combined work of the home, church and school in passing on true wisdom to our young men and women. May God guide us to live humble lives of service in combination with words of wisdom that can then be heard clearly by each of our students. May we also have the courage and humility to as well, listen to the words of wisdom our children speak. May each of us speak and listen with the Spirit’s wisdom.

Mel Brandsma

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

April 2013 Board Notes - 2013/2014 Budget update

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.”

Matthew 6: 33-34

It seems fitting to reflect on this passage from Matthew as we once again realize that God is in control of all things and although we are called to be good stewards of His resources, we have to trust Him to provide for all our needs on a daily basis.

The Alberta Government's budget that was presented on March 7th, contained some unpleasant and unexpected news for private schools in Alberta, including CACHS. Some grants were eliminated or reduced resulting in a \$600 per student cut in our government funding. This is probably one of the most significant funding cuts that our school has experienced in recent history.

The staff, board and committees have worked very hard to come up with solutions to make up for the potential shortfall in our 2013/2014 budget. To keep the tuition increase to a minimum, every expenditure on the budget was scrutinized to see if we could be more efficient in some areas. Our administration and teaching staff are to be commended for their willingness to work with the board to face this new reality.

We are confident that the 2013/2014 CACHS budget that will be presented to the society on May 23 is realistic and will ensure that we can continue to offer quality Christian education to our students. Make sure to come out to this meeting to learn more and to provide us with feedback.

Our school is in a healthy financial position and we have been blessed by the continuous support of our school community. Glory to God!

We appreciate your prayers as we work through this together.

Peter DeWit
Board Chair

Operating Financial Statement for April 2013

Opening balance – March 1	\$ 197,028.44
Receipts – March 1 to 31	+ 184,204.84 **
Expenses – March 1 to 31	- <u>131,873.57</u>
Balance as of March 31	\$ 249,359.71

** We received another installment of grant money. We are now at 70% and our final installment will be received near the end of August.

Yours in Christ
Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

Fashion Show

On Friday, April 12th our annual Fashion Show and Dessert Evening fundraiser was held with all funds raised going to Cystic Fibrosis and specifically the Central Alberta Chapter of Cystic Fibrosis. Students and staff modeled clothing from 21 different businesses with something for everyone! Red Deer Cystic Fibrosis Chapter president Kelly Tibbets as well as Mrs. Cindy Prins, both spoke passionately about Cystic Fibrosis. A total of \$7,417.51 was raised for Cystic Fibrosis.

The Fashion Show committee would like to thank CACHS Catering for providing all the desserts, the many businesses who provided clothing for the fashion show, the businesses and people who provided silent auction and door prize items and everyone who came out to help make this evening a wonderful success!

Plans are underway for next year's Fashion Show and Dessert Evening which has been set for Thursday, April 17, 2014 and will benefit the Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton.

Fashion Show Committee

Library Notes - April 2013

April has always meant new beginnings to me...the earth wakes up and the trees sprout new shiny green leaves. The tulips and crocuses break through the cold hard ground to share their beauty with those fortunate enough to find them. The song birds all return from their winter vacations and join in with the regulars so the air is filled with their joyous songs. This spring is doubly special to me; my first grandchild will be born within the week. Even though he and his parents live in South Africa, I know that God is in control and is in the business of bringing new life.

Even though everything is in the process of renewing, we are also in the process of finishing up. We are in the final stretch of school, with 54 (+/-) school days left. There are projects, papers, a play, trips and finals that will need to be accomplished and wrapped up. With each of these, please be mindful to return the resources you have borrowed as soon as possible.

On Thursday, April 18th, I had the privilege of attending the Librarian's Day event put on by Scott's Parable. I had the opportunity to purchase some of the newly released books such as Karen Kingsbury's The Chance and Terri Blackstock's Truth Stained Lies, as well as Not by Sight by Kathy Herman and Ann Baghart's Scent of Lilacs.

Shattered by Dani Pettry is one of the newest books in our library collection. It is the second book in the Alaskan Courage series and I noticed that this book has made it into the Top Ten in book sales. This is not surprising because Dani is a good writer and her books are interesting and suspenseful. What has me intrigued is that this story moves from Alaska into the rugged Canadian north. I am interested in seeing how Canadian it is.

I hope you have a wonderful Spring. Thanks again for all your support.

Yvonne Reed
Librarian

A footnote to Mrs. Reed's Library Report – Samuel Owani Shange was born on April 13 at 10:00 a.m (Durban time) weighing 7 pounds 3 ounces. Grandma and Grandpa Reed are doing well (as are Christy, Mthoko and baby Samuel).

Career Corner

Red Deer College is excited to announce their newest program – the Occupational Therapist and Physiotherapist Assistant Diploma program.

Occupational therapist assistants work under the supervision of occupational therapists to support their work with clients whose abilities to function and adapt have been impaired by illness or injury, mental health disorders, developmental disorders, social disabilities or aging. Clients range in age from infants to the elderly.

Grade 12 students have been given the 2013 Scholarship and Financial Information package that details various scholarships available to them. It also highlights resources to find out more about the student loan program and financial information.

Veronica Den Oudsten
Career Counselor

Basketball Development - After School Program

We start Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 3:30 until 5:30, and then go Tuesday May 7, 14, 21 and 28. All students currently in grades 9-11 are invited to come to CACHS to learn some fundamentals and play some basketball. Please call Veronica Den Oudsten for more information or to register.

CACHS Catering

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

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
July 20 – Vander Laan wedding – Lincoln Hall
October 24 – Teachers convention at LMC
November 1 – Harvest Fest at CACHS

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

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 – 1 tub
Ginger Crinkle – 5 tubs
White Chocolate Macadamia Nut – 5 tubs
Oatmeal Coconut Chocolate Chunk – 3 tubs
Oatmeal Raisin Spice – 4 tubs
Shortbread – 1 tubs
Gluten free – Macaroon – 4 tubs
Chocolate Macaroon – 2 tubs

Calendar

April 23 – Israel trip meeting 7:30 pm at the school
April 25 – Parent/teacher interviews after school and evening
April 26 – Parent/teacher interviews – morning
- Staff meeting in afternoon
- no school for students
May 17 – Staff inservice – no school
May 20 – Victoria Day – no school
May 23 – Society meeting – 7:30 pm
May 29, 30, 31 – Grad trip
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 5 and return April 15, 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:
Sid Doornbos
Beatrice Vriend or CACHS Office

Basketball 2012-2013

CACHS Knights basketball had another wonderful year. Our teams started at the end of November, and completed play the first week of March. There were many highlights for both teams throughout the season.

Both the boys and the girls' teams participated in a preseason tournament at CACHS and a Christmas tournament in Hinton. The boys and girls each hosted eight teams in January for our annual CACHS Invitational. The girls won their tournament and the boys got second – a highlight for both teams. The boys played a tournament in Rocky, and the girls went to Calgary. We also travelled to Barrhead for a tournament in the middle of February. Both teams also participated in a league schedule of 12 games throughout the season. The boys ended up winning league, while the girls got second. This enabled both teams to go to zones with the chance of earning a berth in Provincials. The girls travelled to David Thompson and were able to win a third place medal. The boys made it into the championship game, but unfortunately fell just short of qualifying for Provincials. Both teams did improve greatly throughout the year, and represented themselves with wonderful sportsmanship throughout.

We would like to thank all the people who contributed to the CACHS basketball teams. We really appreciate the fans and the parents. Thanks to all who drove to our away games. We also want to thank the many assistant coaches who helped with the teams. Thanks to Terry Vandeborn, Josh Ingwersen, Jeff Ekkel and Dan Luymes.

A special thanks to the graduating players. Thanks to Kara Folkerts, Megan Scholing, Sarah Ubels and Brianna Venhuis for the girls, and Ben Ford, Jin Hong, Trent Nicolay, Stephen Moreau and Curtis Swift for the boys. Your hard work and strong leadership were greatly appreciated, and your sportsmanlike play was awesome.

Coaches – Travis Eggink and Veronica Den Oudsten

Europe Trip Update

Well, we have now returned from the Europe Trip! Although the weather was unseasonably cool and windy at times, it was much better than the -25 degrees registered the night we left from the school parking lot! We had expected some breezes along the northern coast of France anyway and it never rained during our entire stay – other than a couple of tiny drops. After a brief, but enlightening visit to Montreal, we found ourselves, the next day, suddenly transported to the Old World, experiencing the magnificent tones of a pipe organ echoing within the lofty stone arches of Rouen's immense Gothic cathedral. Then, the next day, we walked along the beaches of Normandy where so many courageous Canadian, British and American soldiers participated in the dramatic landing that spelled the beginning of numbers of Nazi bunkers left from the years of the German occupation of France. Our coastal route enabled us to clamber over a few of these, but also over a rocky precipice overlooking the sea, to walk across the sand during low tide to a fortress near Saint Malo – and to eat fish! These adventures were a rare communing with the ocean for Albertan land-lubbers. We enjoyed our exploration of Mont Saint-Michel, an ancient abbey perched on a tiny, rocky island, one of the most-visited sites in France after the Eiffel Tower. We then headed southward to the Loire Valley where we viewed and visited a number of beautiful Renaissance Chateaux, before ending our journey in the splendor of Paris where we experience its stunning monuments, palaces, and museums. The quiet town of Lacombe seemed far away, as we became acquainted with the metro, the diverse "quartiers", the unique restaurants and shops in this world-class city. We especially gained a blessing from attending the Easter service in Saint—German-des-Pres, the oldest church in Paris (dating from the 6th century A.D.). We returned to Alberta exhausted, but with fresh insights into the legacy of Western Civilization and our place in it.

Carolyn Snipes-Hoyt