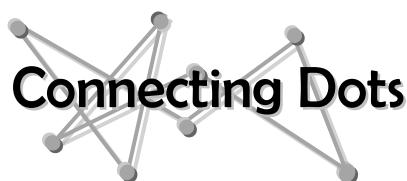


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## NEWSLETTER

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***“He knows my name!”***

**“He knows my name  
He knows my every thought  
He sees each tear that falls  
And hears me when I call”**

Imagine you are at a concert of your favorite performer or speaker, and at some point during the event the speaker/singer pauses and identifies you, one of the thousands in attendance. My guess is that you would be filled with emotion and apt to listen even more intently over the remainder of the event. I was reflecting on this concept a few Sundays ago as we sang the song “He knows my name”.

It is our hope that for each of our students, and in particular each of our graduates, that this statement and its subsequent thoughts may bring much comfort and assurance as they leave the familiar surroundings of school and home and venture off into a world in many ways unknown. Know graduates, you are not going alone, that your heavenly Father knows not only your name, but your every care, concern and interest you have. Know as well that this fact is not threatening or controlling but rather a supportive, guiding structure.

We have a God who created us for a purpose(s) and He is interested in having each of us become who we are created to be. This is a purpose which will bring fulfillment and joy, a purpose that is positive both for you and all those around you. It is not self seeking but rather seeks to bless others and in so doing, we in turn become blessed.

One of my favorite aspects of the teaching profession is visiting with former students and hearing their stories. The best stories always have a faith journey component, sometimes a smooth one with very few bumps in the road; others have been filled with highs and lows, doubts and rediscovery of faith. I don't know where each of your journeys will take you and it doesn't matter as long as it is one filled with two key components. Love the Lord your God, and love your neighbor as yourself. The rest are just details. Live life fully, discover and develop your personal gifts, and in all things follow those two components and you will be blessed.

Mr. Brandsma

### ***Grade 10 Registration***

If you are planning on sending your child to CACHS in September, we would ask that you please send your child's registration in as soon as possible. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school at 403-782-4535.

**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**

## June Board Notes

The Board would like to welcome Fred Ollewagen, Cheryl Talsma and Sue Stang, our newly elected Board Members!

Anita Zuidhof, Jane Visser and Carolyn Vanderhoek will be leaving the board as their terms have been completed.

Thank you all for your willingness to serve on the CACHS Board.

Thank you to all who came out to the Annual Spring Society meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We had an informative and productive meeting ending with a wonderful presentation from Mel Ingwersen and Phil Tiemstra about the Israel trip earlier this year.

The following Motions were presented, seconded and carried at the Spring Society Meeting.

- Motion from board to approve election of Fred Ollewagen, Cheryl Talsma and Sue Stang as new board members.
- Motion from the board to appoint BDO Dunwoody Chartered Accountants to be the school's auditor for the school year September 2014 to August 2015.
- Motion from the board to approve the 2014/2015 School Year Budget as presented.
- Motion from the Board to the CACHS society to proceed with the sports field development up to a maximum of \$95,000.00, conditional to bank financing.

As another school year comes to a close the Board would like to thank everyone, staff, students, parents and society members for their support and contributions to CACHS. We pray that you will all have a blessed, relaxing and safe summer break.

**Congratulations to the CACHS Graduating Class of 2014!** We pray that your time here has been an enjoyable and growing experience and has helped to equip you for your journey ahead. May God grant His blessings on you as you embark on future endeavors!

Carolyn Vanderhoek  
Board Secretary

## Financial Update for June

As the end of the school year approaches, we are starting to look forward to the new school year. Tuition letters with the fee schedule will be mailed out shortly. We would ask that you return your intention slips back to the school by June 15<sup>th</sup> either by mail or fax. If you would like tuition assistance, please give me a call at the school at 403-782-4535 as soon as possible to set up an appointment with the Board Treasurer. If you have any questions regarding the fee schedule do not hesitate to call me.

Have a great summer!

Wendy Barnes  
Business Administrator

### Press Release:

#### Mel Brandsma a 2014-2015 Van Lunen Fellow

Mel Brandsma, Principal of Central Alberta Christian High School, Lacombe, has been selected by the Van Lunen Center for Executive Management in Christian Schools at Calvin College for a 2014-2015 fellowship.

The Van Lunen Center for Executive Management in Christian Schools at Calvin College has announced its 2014-2015 fellows. The list includes educators from twenty-four schools across the United States, Canada, and beyond. Visit [www.calvin.edu/vanlunen/vanlunen\\_fellows/index.html](http://www.calvin.edu/vanlunen/vanlunen_fellows/index.html) for a complete overview of this year's Van Lunen fellows.

The Fellows program is designated for school heads who seek professional development in their work as administrators of faith-based schools. The majority of participant expenses are covered by the Van Lunen Center, including cost of instruction, airfare, lodging, meals, coaching, and access to topic experts.

The Van Lunen Center was established at Calvin in January 2007 with a \$2.5 million endowment gift to the college from the Richard D. Van Lunen Foundation. Subsequent gifts from the Richard and Helen DeVos Foundation, the Jay Christopher Family Foundation, and others support the Center.

## Library Notes - June 2014

Its purpose is to provide executive management education for senior leaders of schools based on the historic Christian faith.

“The sessions are presented in a dynamic and rigorous format that includes case studies, interactive workshops, and expert training led by the faculty and consultants,” according to Jim Marsh, director of the Van Lunen Center.

“In areas such as marketing, student recruitment and retention, social media, strategic planning, fund raising campaigns, sustainability, and other topics relevant to executive management skills,” he said, “participants will deepen their own leadership, develop skills, and create deep relationships with peers and leaders. They will become more prepared to craft and implement a sustainable Christian educational mission with parents, teachers, and other supporting communities.”

The program begins with five residential days in July 2014, continues again in January 2015 for five days, and ends with three days in July 2015. Between sessions, faculty coaching and consultant support is available via phone, through on-line tools, and in person to assist fellows with a crucial school project.

The Van Lunen Center was established to serve faith-based schools large and small across the U.S. and Canada with a big-tent philosophy, reaching out to schools from a wide range of faith traditions, including Baptist, Catholic, evangelical Protestant, Episcopal, independent Christian, Lutheran, and Reformed Christian day schools.

## Help Wanted

The Maintenance committee of CACHS is seeking a “handy-person” to fill a paid position, and who would be able to spend up to 20 hours per month doing some maintenance work, minor repairs and general odds and ends in and around the school. This person would work closely with the Maintenance committee and our Janitor in completing these various tasks. If you are interested in this position or know of anyone who might be, or would like more information, please contact Clarence Verveda our Maintenance Committee Chairman or Kevin Reed at CACHS at 403-782-4535.

Only a few more weeks left in this school year! I’m sure you are all looking forward to the summer break as I am. BUT before we can all leave for the lake, a vacation, South Africa (as Mr. Reed and I am), or the mountains, there are a few things that need to be done.

All books were due back into the Library as of May 30<sup>th</sup>. All books still out as of June 13<sup>th</sup> will be deducted from your student’s book deposit. This summer when you are cleaning out those neglected bookshelves, remember the school could benefit from your donations.

Thank you for another wonderful year!

Yvonne Reed  
Librarian

## Career Corner

This is the last month of high school for our grade 12’s. The journey of discovery continues for a lifetime, and it has been a wonderful honor and pleasure being able to discuss some of the options available. The choices ahead are daunting, and I am sure that all the graduates are apprehensive about what lies ahead. I challenge you with the following quote out of Educating for Life Today and Tomorrow – a Christian Schools Canada publication.

“Seek God’s wisdom in general. Often we don’t have a clue what God would have us do as a career, but then we need to be guided by the wisdom God gives. Wisdom is a way of life. Wisdom is going with the flow of God’s design. Wisdom is a combination of intelligence, instruction, and experience nurtured by deepening trust and prayer.”

Veronica Den Oudsten – Career Counselor

## Grad 2014 Update

Grad is just around the corner! On Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> the graduating class will be meeting at Bower Ponds (weather permitting) for pictures, followed by the ceremony at 3:00 pm at the New Life Fellowship Church in Red Deer. At 6:00 pm there will be a banquet at CACHS (by invitation only).

## *CACHS Catering*

CACHS Catering is beginning to receive numerous requests for bookings for this summer, fall and into the next year. We are only able to do one banquet on a weekend and only two functions a month so if you would like to book us, please call as soon as possible as we work on a first come first serve basis.

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

June 27 – CACHS grad  
July 5 – Drost/Brouwer wedding  
August 15 – Van Stryland/Otten wedding –  
Kinsmen Hall - Ponoka  
August 30 – Scholing/van Dam wedding  
September 19 – Eggink/Steenbergen wedding  
November 7 – Harvest Fest  
October 16 – PCS Thanksgiving

If you are able to help serve and/or clean up at any of these 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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## *Christian Home & School*

The High School Edition of Christian Home and School is now available on line ([csionline.org/Christian\\_home\\_and\\_school](http://csionline.org/Christian_home_and_school)). An article on Central Alberta Christian High School and our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary is part of the magazine. We also have a number of hard copies available at the school office if you would like one.

## *Student Council News*

June is finally here and Student Council has almost wrapped up another year. Our CACHS Fun Run Fundraiser was a huge success, and the activities we ran after the run made for a fun afternoon. Also in the past few weeks one of our school's final assemblies was themed on Leadership. Many Student Council members got the chance to stand up and explain to CACHS students how much fun we've had this past year and what service means to them. We've had a great group of students this past year and the ten of us had a great time getting to know each other better! We have planned and been involved in so many awesome things this year including school dances, hot lunches, spirit days, fundraisers and more. We couldn't have done all this without the help from Mrs. Vander Veen, who ran our team and helped us figure out the details of all our entertaining events!

Thanks to everyone who helped out in putting another awesome year at CACHS behind us, and may the next year bring just as many fun and exciting things for the students at our high school!

Shae-Lynn Ten Hove  
Student Council Secretary

## *Calendar*

Departmental exams:

June 17 – English 30-1/30-2 – Part B  
June 18 – Social 30-1/30-2 – Part B  
June 20 – Biology 30  
June 25 – Physics 30  
June 18 – 24 – Exams for grades 10 and 11  
June 27 – report card pick up until noon  
June 27 – Graduation at 3 pm at New Life Fellowship Church – Red Deer  
September 2 – First day of 2014/15 school year  
September 12 – All school retreat at CACHS  
October 23 & 24 – CEA Teachers convention  
November 7 – Harvest Fest

## *Europe Trip 2015: Paris, Provence & Barcelona*

The school year is coming to an end and I want to thank all of you who have signed on for this trip for your timely submission of funds and documents up until the present. We have a wonderful trip planned and it promises to be a very interesting and enlightening experience!

Please keep in mind the following:

-- **Passport:** If you don't have a passport that is valid until October of 2015, please make sure you get one this summer. Plan ahead, since you will need to bring it in (or two photocopies of it) by **September 2, 2014**, so we can make two photocopies of it for our files. We need the passport number and the correct spelling of your name so EF Tours can begin the process of ticketing in the fall.

-- **Next two payments:** Keep in mind the dates and amounts for the next two payments.

**By October 8, 2014** we need a cheque from each participant for \$1200.00 made out to CACHS.

**By November 28, 2014** the balance is due for each participant.

The last cheque should be \$1,550.00 for each participant, made out to CACHS. We will let you know in advance if this figure needs to be adjusted.

The total will be \$3,550.00 for students and \$3,940.00 for adults, according to the original quote (minus \$100.00 for all those who signed up by February 14, 2014; and plus \$89.00 cancellation insurance if you opted for it – plus whatever late fees were necessary for those who signed up after February 14, calculated differently for each month since February.)

\* A few of you may still need to bring in a cheque for late fees by the end of this school year. Please ask Wendy Barnes for the exact amount.

\* Note that all students who will still be under 18 at the time of departure will need to have their parents sign a Consent Form (that we will

provide) in the presence of a Lawyer or a Notary, who will then affix a seal to the form. We will make this form available in the fall – as soon as we know the exact dates of the trip.

In the meantime, we wish all of you a very pleasant summer holiday, with much milder weather than we've had this winter, and time to work on summer projects and/or relax with family and friends. All the best to you!

Carolyn Snipes-Hoyt and Peter Hoekstra  
Organizers of Europe Trip 2015  
– Paris, Provence & Barcelona

## *In-dey-go Cookie Dough*

The grad class recently had their in-dey-go cookie fundraiser. There are a number of tubs remaining and are for sale for \$15.00 each. If you would like any please call the school at 403-782-4535.

Dark Chocolate White Chocolate Chunk – 4

Ginger Crinkle – 2

The Motherlode – 5

Oatmeal Coconut Chocolate Chunk – 4

Oatmeal Raisin Spice – 2