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NEWSLETTER

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Be careful what you wish for!!!!!!

One of the goals of any school, student, athlete, musician, business owner, or employee is growth and development. We have an innate desire to grow in number, to improve, to become more proficient and successful at a particular venture or activity. While this is typically the goal, we would do well to examine what produces this kind of growth.

For many students or performers, having an abundance of resources available to us in terms of teachers/coaches/facilities and time seems to be the ticket to success. The Olympic model is to spend money on providing the best resources to ensure success. "Don't spread the resources too thin" is the idea behind the **Strive for Excellence** program. Focus on the athletes who can give you the best opportunity for medals and forget about the rest.

Christians too strive for growth, for a development of their faith as they journey through life. What I find unique in this growth is how the scarcity component of resources often is the primary catalyst for faith. If you think of the times when your dependence upon God is the greatest, my guess is that it is when your

"cupboards" are empty, when your "resources" are depleted and when life is not filled with limitless opportunity. Over the last few months I heard two different speakers approach this topic, one through the idea of gratitude and the other through the life of Job, post abundance. An attitude reflecting gratitude often follows a time in life when there is scarcity. A relationship may be restored, a job may finally be secured, a childless couple is blessed with a new arrival, or a loved one is restored to health. Perhaps the greatest celebration of all is that of a loved one who has wandered away from the Lord and returns.

Scarcity frequently produces gratitude, character, and perseverance. Abundance tends to breed complacency and entitlement. Growth; true spiritual growth, is a gift from God that can arrive at any time. Grow, grow constantly, but be sure it is growth in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ensure it is growth which has a lasting impact, which breeds dependence, not independence, upon our God who loves us, and desires a relationship with us. At times we will sense God walking beside us, other times we will need to be carried as circumstances are too difficult to bear alone, but know this, that God will not leave us or forsake us, but in all things draws us closer to Him. Your resources may become scarce but may your faith continue to grow so we too can echo the words of Job when he says "The Lord gives, the Lord takes away, blessed be the name of the Lord." (Job 1:21)

Mr. 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 Board Notes

The Board will be seeking nominations for Board members to replace those whose terms are ending this year (Carolyn Vanderhoek, Jane Visser and Anita Zuidhof). A nomination form is part of this newsletter and nominations will be accepted until April 30, 2014. Nomination forms may be given to any Board member or dropped off in a sealed envelope at the school office.

We would like to remind everyone of the Spring Society meeting which will be held on Thursday, May 22nd at 7:30 pm. The proposed budget for 2014-2015 will be presented and discussed, new board members will be elected, and the soccer field proposal will be presented.

We wish everyone a blessed Easter as you reflect on the ultimate sacrifice of our Lord because of His grace and love for us!

Chairman – Peter DeWit
Vice-Chair – Dean DenOudsten
Treasurer – Peter Walls
Secretary – Carolyn Vanderhoek
Herman Verhoef
Clarence Verveda
Jane Visser
Anita Zuidhof

Carolyn Vanderhoek
Board Secretary

Financial Update

We would like to thank the Building Blocks Thrift Store for their generosity in the form of a cheque for \$30,000.00. As a school we are truly blessed by their financial help which helps to make Christian education affordable.

We are in the process of working on the school budget for the 2014/2015 school year. This budget will be presented to the Society on Thursday, May 22nd at the Spring Society meeting.

Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

CACHS Wear

Are you thinking about a great grad or end of the year gift? There are still some t-shirts and zippered hoodies left from our CACHS wear. Hoodies are green with grey logo and t-shirts are grey with green logo. Call the office at 403-782-4535 or contact the development director Beatrice Vriend to reserve your CACHS wear.

Career Corner

“But when a sense of mission breathes life into our vocation, we begin to incarnate the life of Christ. Our efforts go further, our patience lasts longer, our kindness grows deeper and our witness shines truer. A vocation marked by love delivers the touch of Christ to the world, and God is pleased.”

(Kreuger, 13)

Throughout high school most students continue to search for their vocation. Searching and learning about the many opportunities available is part of the journey. With this in mind, the following field trips are planned for May:

- CAREER Expo Red Deer – Thursday, May 1, 2014. Grade 10's will be attending for the morning.
- Skills Canada Alberta presents Alberta's largest trade and technology career fair at the Edmonton Expo Center on Wednesday, May 14, 2014. Grades 11 and 12 will be attending for the day.

Please contact me if you have any questions about these field trips.

Veronica Den Oudsten
Career Counselor

Library Notes - April 2014

April has always meant new beginnings to me....a time of celebration and this year especially! We have survived a LONG winter. I have yet to see the tulips that I know are planted in my yard or the robins that will be coming, but the promise of Spring is here. The days are longer and the snow has begun to melt.

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 49 (+/-) school days left until exams. There are projects, papers, a play, the fashion show, grad trip 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.

There are a few new books that have been added to our collection. Make sure to check the "new" books, there is something for everyone.

Yvonne Reed
Librarian

The Drama 20/30's present: The Hunchback of Notre Dame

"The unforgettable characters from the beloved novel come to thrilling, laugh-happy life in this funny and frill-free 'festival' adaptation of Victor Hugo's popular literary classic....outside the great Notre Dame cathedral 50 years after the original story's fateful events, a troupe of youthful players leads the rabble of Paris – and sometimes the audience – in recreating the riotous adventures of the misshapen but tender-hearted bell ringer Quasimodo. Of course, the story wouldn't be complete without the beguiling gypsy dancer Esmeralda and her clever goat Djali, dashing Captain Phoebus, despicably devious Dom Frollo, romantic and starving poet Pierre, the down-to-earth gang-leading Queen of Thieves, comically bitter recluse Paquette, and more!"

Shows: June 4 and 5

Time: 7:00 pm (doors will open at 6:30 pm)

Tickets: \$10.00/ticket. Available through the CACHS Office (403-782-4535) – these are reserved seats. **We are planning to utilize our new bleachers for some of the seating with the rest being floor seats.

CACHS Catering

CACHS Catering is beginning to receive numerous requests for bookings for this summer. 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:

April 26 – Rietema anniversary at Kozy Korner

May 3 – Gideons banquet at Kozy Korner

June 6 – Eggink/Kleinlugtenbeld wedding

June 27 – CACHS grad

July 5 – Drost/Brouwer wedding

August 15 – Van Stryland/Otten wedding –
Kinsmen Hall - Ponoka

August 30 – Scholing/van Dam wedding

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

Bleachers for the Gym

There are new bleachers in the gym!! All of the "grandparent eating" bleachers have been removed and new bleachers have been installed. These bleachers have comfortable seating, and small easy steps to allow people of all ages to comfortably watch events in the gym. We received them from Ritchie Brothers and thank them for their generous donation. We will remember where we got them as they are a wonderful Ritchie Brothers orange. A big thank you to the many people who helped get the new bleachers and then set them up in the gym.

Student Council News

As we welcome the warm weather that is heading our way, Student council excitedly plans another great month at CACHS. Coming up on May 2nd will be our final school dance of the year, and will be themed Famous Groups! We encourage students to come as part of their favourite groups, couples, or bands to have a fun night at the school starting at 7 pm.

This past month, we were excited to host our annual school pizza party, which we are happy to say was a huge success. We hope to welcome many of those students to our school next year!

Shae-Lynn Ten Hove
Student Council Secretary

25th Anniversary Celebration Call for volunteers

2014 marks the 25th Anniversary of CACHS. We are excited about this and want to make sure that we commemorate this event in the fall of 2014. We are in the process of putting together a special 25th Anniversary committee.

Our school has a rich history and we hope that we can draw on the people who have supported the school and/or have served in different capacities over the years. There is a wealth of experience and information out there that we would like to capture and share with the rest of the community.

If this interests you, please contact the school or any of the board members. Even if you are not available to sit on the committee, we would love to hear from you if you have any information on the history of CACHS.

Let's celebrate God's faithfulness together as a community in 2014!

Peter DeWit
Board Chairman

Calendar

April 24 – Europe trip meeting at CACHS 7 – 8 pm
April 24 – Parent/teacher interviews after school and in evening
April 25 – Parent/teacher interviews in morning
- Teacher in service in afternoon
- No school for students
May 16 - Staff in service – no school
May 19 – Victoria Day – no school
May 22 – CACHS Society meeting – 7:30 pm
May 28, 29 & 30 – Grad trip
June 27 – Graduation

Young Blood for Life

The Young Blood for Life campaign is in full swing at CACHS with new blood donors and potential donors coming forward every passing month. **As of February 28, CACHS has collected 52 units, 19 of which were drawn from new donors.** A huge thank you from Canadian Blood Services. Our goal of 70 donations for the year is well within reach!

April brings another opportunity to those interested in donating. **A blood donor clinic will be held Monday, April 21 in the CACHS gym from 3:30 till 7:30 pm.** What could be more fitting and a fun way to enjoy your Easter Monday afternoon than to round up your loved ones and head to CACHS for a free pop and cookie courtesy of Canadian Blood Services? All you need to do is leave behind a pint of your finest! Make sure you scan the QR code below in order to register as a CACHS donor. See you there!

CACHS Europe Trip 2015 - Paris, Provence & Barcelona

To Participants, parents and all those interested.

Just a reminder that a representative from EF Tours, Thea Laidman, will be here for the Parent Meeting from 7 – 8 pm on Thursday, April 24th in Room 108 here at CACHS. All are welcome, students, parents, those already signed up and any others who are interested. We have a fabulous itinerary planned for the 2015 trip, with a visit to the City of Lights, Paris, followed by a high-speed train trip south to Avignon and a bus ride to Arles, Carcassonne, and Barcelona. Students will remember the trip for the rest of their lives and will be prepared to become global citizens and savvy travelers. Many former CACHS students, who have gone on the CACHS Europe Trip, now travel to many other destinations. Others make use of the experience in other ways – to broaden their perspective on life in the 21st century, to build a concrete awareness of the many stages that have been part of the development of Western Civilization, and to reminisce with their classmates who took the trip with them.

If you are still thinking about joining the group, please be aware that the total price for the tour changes every month, depending on the value of the Canadian Dollar, airfares, and commodities in Europe. For the month of April, the pricing for the tour is as follows (not including the \$89 cancellation insurance): Student - \$3,640 and Adult - \$4,030. So if you decide you want to join the group for the Europe Trip 2015, we welcome you and recommend that you sign up and bring in your materials as soon as possible: cheque (ask Mrs. Barnes about the initial amount), signed application form, and signed CACHS extra-curricular activity form.

As for the dates of the trip, we understand that they will either be March 26 to April 4 or March 28 to April 6, 2015, but we will not know for sure until next fall. The next payment is due at the beginning of October - \$1,200.00 for each participant.

Please make sure you submit two (2) photocopies of your passport to the CACHS office by September 2nd. It needs to be valid until October of 2015, at a minimum. If you already have a valid passport,

please bring in the photocopies as soon as you can. More information will be available at the Parent Meeting on April 24th. Bring your questions!

Carolyn Snipes-Hoyt and Pete Hoekstra
Europe Trip Organizers

Basketball Wrap Up

Basketball has finished for the year, and it was another wonderful and long season. CACHS had three teams participating throughout the year, and the gym was well utilized. We had a junior girls team that participated in various exhibition games and tournaments throughout the year. They continued to grow and develop throughout the year, and it was awesome to see their improvement. A big thank you to Rebecca TenHove and Brittany TenHove for coaching this team – you did a great job! The senior teams were kept very busy this year. There was a 14 game league schedule, along with tournaments in Edson, Bonnyville, Barrhead and CACHS. The girls also played another tournament in Rimbey, and the boys in David Thompson. There was great play and wonderful sportsmanship throughout the year. Highlights included both teams winning the CACHS invitational tournament, and winning the league championship. The boys were able to win the zone championship and qualify for Provincials in Picture Butte, whereas the girls finished second at Zones. A big thanks to all the parents who drove and helped out at the concessions throughout the year. We would like to thank the grade 12's for all the work they put into being a part of CACHS basketball throughout the years. Thanks to Celine DeWit, Kescia Den Oudsten, Katie Tilbury, Erin Vandeborn, Mitchell Miedema, Geoffrey Noordhof, Ryan Noort, Ian Vanderhoek and Brendan Van Doesburg. Also a big thanks to our assistant coaches Dan Luymes and Jeff Ekkel.

We have enjoyed using the game of basketball to teach our players about the value of hard work, sportsmanship, and using all our skills to the honor and glory of God. Our players have learned to work hard with the skills God has blessed them with to contribute to a team. We thank our teams for representing CACHS well.

Travis Eggink and Veronica Den Oudsten