

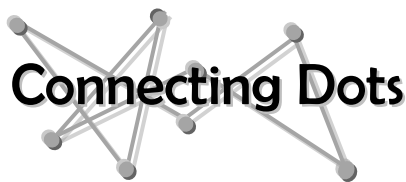


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NEWSLETTER

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“Both the Advent season and the selection of Scripture readings are characterized by an attentive attitude, a posture of waiting. But a time of waiting is not just a period of mounting expectation, to be impatiently endured until the longed-for person or event arrives. It is an opportunity to set our sights on the promise, to hold fast to it, to consider its significance, to explore and fathom who and what it is that we are waiting for. The centuries that God’s people spent watching and waiting in the Old Testament, longing and hoping for the day of redemption, are mirrored and even relived in our own interior waiting in the season of Advent. This waiting is not a passive whiling away of the days and hours, but a time when our appetites are whet, when our eagerness is honed to fine-edged anticipation, when we stand on tiptoe to catch the first glimpse of His coming.” Jeanne Kun

This month of December, I have enjoyed reading with my class scripture pertaining to prophecies foretelling the arrival of the “Christ” child. We have spent time in Genesis, Isaiah, and Micah where Christ’s arrival was foretold. We then read the stories of Christ’s birth in each gospel as well as the stories of individuals such as Anna and Simeon who longed to view this promise.

Considering the time span between the prophecies and the birth, we would do well this Christmas to consider the value of waiting.

Today’s culture seeks immediate gratification and results. We want something and we want it now. Credit card companies and salespeople continually bombard us with visuals indicating how and why we should not wait for the “good” things in life. Many of us though can remember a time when we saved up carefully to purchase a particular item. Remember the excitement of finally being able to buy this long awaited item and the pride we had in being able to do this.

Perhaps the time of waiting involved the arrival of a child conceived nine months earlier or an engagement period that involved much preparation. For many students it is the anticipation of graduation. Recognize that this waiting is an active period filled with many things to do, but also focused on one event: A child, a relationship, no more school, or a career.

This Christmas, as we celebrate Jesus’ birth, may we also reflect on what Christ came to accomplish here on earth and recognize our role in redeeming the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth. This act requires us not to just wait, but to act in the here and now of life. Be Christ’s hands and feet as you celebrate God’s role in redeeming us from the slavery of sin and oppression. May God bless each of you this Advent season and may He continue to use you for His honor and glory. As you have been blessed, may you be a blessing.

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

December Board Notes

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel praising God and saying “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.” Luke 2:13-14

The Board would like to wish everyone a blessed Christmas. May you experience a time of joy and peace as you celebrate the wonderful gift of our Lord and Savior with family and friends.

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Operating Financial Statement for November 2013

Opening balance – November 1	\$ 246,485.36
Receipts – November 1 – 30	+ 100,289.28
Expenses – November 1 – 30	- 93,444.16
Balance as of November 30	\$ 253,330.48

A reminder that the 2013 Fall Debt Reduction Drive is over December 16th. If you would still like to donate please send your donation to the school or drop it off at the school. All cheques dated December 31st in envelopes with the postmark December 31st or before will receive a donation receipt for 2013. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me at the school.

Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

CACHS Family Phone List

The phone number listed in last month’s newsletter for Cal & Carrie Vaartstra was incorrect. Please drop into the office if you need the correct one.

Allergy Alert!!

Our school is a “peanut” free school because of a severe allergy of one of our students. We would ask that NO peanuts, NO peanut butter and NO peanut products be brought into the school. Thank you.

Career Corner

As stated in “Education for Life Today and Tomorrow”, a publication by Christian Schools Canada, “God expects His people to use their talents to provide for their financial needs. If we are unable to pay for basic costs such as housing and food, we will be unable to use our talents and serve others; instead we will be the needy ones.”

Lately, there has been much discussion about the value of post-secondary education. Maclean’s recently reported that “CIBC economists Benjamin Tal and Emanuella Enamajor suggest the financial advantage accruing to university graduates has been shrinking of late.”

It continues on in “Education for Life Today and Tomorrow”: “When parents advise their children to stay in school to get a good education, they know from experience that education, even if it is not related to their career, is invaluable in giving them skills which transfer to many careers and help them earn a secure income.”

As I continue to have discussions with our students in regards to their future careers, these concerns arise. Students are still trying to find out what their talents and skills are. I try to encourage them to continue to discover their talents and gifts as they try new things, with the understanding that there is a need to use their talents to provide for themselves financially.

I wish you all a blessed Christmas, and a happy new year!

Veronica Den Oudsten
Career Counselor

Library Notes - December 2013

It feels like I just wrote Library Notes a week ago! Time sure seems to be moving quickly. Christmas is just 14 days away, and if you are anything like me there is still a lot to be done. Gifts to purchase (what to get for a physics teacher???), baking to be done... and the list goes on. But in between all the "have to" items, make yourself a cup of something delicious and grab a book and take a few moments to relax.

Here are some suggestions:

- Francine River's Unshaken, Melody Carlson's Three Days or Leith Anderson's Jesus. These are stories about Jesus, his birth and life.

If you'd rather have a bit of "sunshine", then pick up Lauraine Snelling's Hawaii Sunrise or escape to Ireland with a historical series written by Bodie and Brock Thoene. There are so many good books to "escape" and relax with. But most of all don't forget about the most important book of all. We have different viewpoints of the birth of Christ, take a minute and refresh your memory. We have so much to be thankful for.

Merry Christmas and may you have a blessed New Year.

Yvonne Reed
Librarian

Calendar

December 20 – Last day of classes before Christmas break

December 21 – Alumni volleyball tournament at CACHS

December 21 – January 5 – Christmas break

January 6 – Classes resume

Diploma exams:

January 13 – English 30-1 and 30-2 - Part A

January 14 – Social 30-1 and 30-2 - Part A

January 20 – English 30-1 and 30-2 - Part B

January 21 – Social 30-1 and 30-2 – Part B

January 24 – Math 30-1 and 30-2

January 28 – Chemistry 30

January 23 – 28 – Exams for Grades 10 and 11

January 29 – Ski trip/Exam make-up day

January 30 – Semester break

January 31 – First day of second semester

February 3 – Final report card for first semester

February 17 – Family Day in Alberta – no school

March 21 – 30 - Spring Break

CACHS Catering

CACHS Catering is beginning to receive numerous requests for bookings for next 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 event for which we are looking for help is:

December 17 – Seniors Christmas banquet at Bethel (luncheon)

If you are able to help serve and/or clean up at any of the CACHS Catering functions, please contact Ann Siebenga at 403-782-3554. 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 at 403-782-2657 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

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.

Lacombe Minor Soccer Registration

Place: Lacombe Pentecostal Church

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2014

Time: 6:30 PM

<http://lacombeminorsoccer.weebly.com>