



CENTRAL ALBERTA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

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“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.”
II Timothy 4:7-8

“There is a time for everything.... a time to be born, and a time to die....a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance....”
Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

A question came up in class the other day which got me thinking. The question was “What makes a good day?” In other words what puts a smile on your face, gives you joy, lightens your load or encourages you to offer a prayer of thanks prior to sleep? At first thought I reverted to an activity, perhaps a basketball game, ski trip, camping weekend, etc, but that did not seem to adequately answer the question as some times activities do not go as planned. I then considered the aspect of accomplishment, something achieved. This could be victory, promotion, award, or compliment, and yet this did not seem to be a complete answer either.

I finally settled on the aspect of completion, “successful

completion”: the finishing of a task, a conversation, a course or assignment sometimes regardless of mark, a graduation, or simply a day. I remember clearly that feeling on June 28, 2012 after the graduation ceremony. It was my first year of principalship and I was filled with thankfulness for completion, for support, and especially for God’s leading. Now you may ask why this question may be worthy of the paper this is printed on. When students express their concern for the health of grandparents, I often ask how old they are and in some way I grieve with them when the health is declining, when a relationship is threatened, but I also begin to celebrate the aspect of completion.

We need to celebrate the lives of faithful service of those who have left us. Celebrate the legacy they have created, the testimonies which speak of perseverance, faithfulness, and service. When we celebrate such things visibly, we send powerful messages to our children of what life is all about. The writer of Ecclesiastes suggests there is a time to mourn, there is a time to celebrate and I would suggest that the passing away of a loved one is such a moment. My mother died at the age of 41, and we mourned but I also celebrate the role she played in my first seven years of life, her faithfulness to God and her family. I lament that she could not experience the marriage of any of her five children but I celebrate that each of us to this day is thankful to God for who she was and is. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those families who have lost loved ones recently. Please do mourn, but also celebrate. There is a time for both.

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

February Board Notes

As the students are starting a new (and for some the last) semester, the Board has been busy planning the rest of the school year. After taking a break in December, there always seems to be a lot of things to deal with in February.

The board is pleased to report that we have exceeded our fundraising goal of \$100,000 for the Fall Drive. Glory to God and thanks to all the supporters that made this happen. Because of your support, we can continue to pay down our capital debt and interest, without using operational funds. This year's budget is on track and we are thankful for everyone's cooperation in making this happen.

This time of the year, we review the roster of Board members and see what positions need to be filled for the upcoming school year. This year, we have formed a nomination sub-committee to prepare a list of potential candidates. Serving on the CACHS board is a great way to get involved in the direction of the school and can be a very rewarding experience. Our goal is to have a diverse group of people with different gifts and abilities representing Central Alberta. We have always been blessed with a great group of people and trust that God will provide the people as needed.

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. At the moment, we are trying to put together a special 25th Anniversary committee that can help us put this together. Our school has a rich history and we hope that we can draw on the people who have supported the school and served in different capacities over the years. If this interests you, please contact the school or any of the board members.

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 everyone who donated in regards to our shortfall with the Fall Debt Reduction Drive. The support that was shown to the school was awesome and we ended up with \$104,154.81 and exceeded our goal of \$100,000. We thank everyone for your generous donations to the school!

Once again if you have not received your income tax receipt contact me at the school and I will send out a copy to you. If you have any questions regarding your receipt please contact me at the school at 403-782-4535.

Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

25th Anniversary Celebration - Call for volunteers

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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

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 17 – Fashion Show at CACHS
- April 26 – Rietema anniversary at Kozy Korner
- May 3 – Gideons banquet
- June 6 – Eggink/Kleinlugtenbeld wedding
- June 27 – CACHS grad
- July 5 – Drost/Brouwer wedding
- August 23 – VanderSchee/Loov wedding at Blackfalds Hall
- 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

Calendar

- February 27 – Free “Will Clinic” at Lacombe Christian School – 7:30 pm
- March 7 – Staff in service – no school
- March 13 – Open house for Grades 8 & 9 students
- March 19 – Student/Parent Pizza/Pop Information evening
- March 21 – 30 - Spring Break
- April 3, 4 & 7 – Grad pictures
- April 17 – Fashion Show and Dessert evening
- April 18 – Good Friday – no school
- April 21 – Easter Monday – no school

Open House for Grades 8 & 9

On the afternoon of Thursday, March 13th, Central Alberta Christian High School will be hosting an open house for students in Grade 8 and 9 from the Central Alberta Christian schools. From noon until 2:30 they will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities, participate in an assembly, and interact with students from CACHS and the other feeder schools. Lunch will be provided at no cost to the students.

We look forward to this opportunity to host your children for this afternoon of “fun and fact”. If you have any questions about this event, please feel free to call Mel Brandsma or Beatty Vriend at the school at 403-782-4535.

Student/Parent Pizza and Pop Information Evening

Our annual Student/Parent Pizza and Pop information evening will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 19th 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 by our principal, Mr. Brandsma, will be made to the parents. 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 will be 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 but would be interested in coming, please call Ann at 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.

Fashion Show & Dessert Evening

On Thursday, April 17th, CACHS will be hosting their annual Fashion Show and Dessert evening. This year all proceeds will be going to the Stollery Children’s Hospital in Edmonton. Doors will open at 6:30 and the fashion show will start at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 each and will be available at the school beginning March 10th. Be sure to come out for a great night of fashion, dessert, music and a Silent Auction.

Career Corner

“We are called to seek God’s kingdom and righteousness in every area of our lives, not just in paid work. When it comes to our employment and careers, we should consider what areas of work will best help us to use our gifts to further the priorities of God’s kingdom. Although all work is good and can be done for God’s glory, not all jobs have God’s kingdom values as high priorities. Not all jobs and careers are equal with respect to these considerations. Therefore students should learn to consider their gifts and interests and the priorities of God’s kingdom as they make career choices. This way their careers and jobs will become part of their mission for God.” Educating for Life Today and Tomorrow

Save these dates:

May 1, 2014 – CAREERexpo at Red Deer College

May 14-15, 2014

-Skills Alberta at Edmonton Expo Centre

Veronica Den Oudsten
Career Counselor

Grad Pictures 2014

Grad pictures will be taken at the school on April 3rd, 4th and 7th. Brochures will be handed out to the students on March 12th and parents and students need to book and prepare for the sitting by visiting www.lifetouch.ca/southernalberta. On this site are the appointment times for the portrait sittings that students need to select and fill out. It is essential that all graduates schedule a portrait sitting time during the times that Lifetouch is at the school to ensure that they are included in the CACHS Grade 12 composite picture. Should you have any questions regarding the Grad Portrait sitting, please contact the Red Deer Lifetouch office at 403-356-9410, after you have received and read the brochures.

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.

Library Notes - January 2014

February is almost finished! With Family Day behind us and Spring Break before us, hopefully that means the snow will be disappearing before long. The days are getting longer and the first of the gardening magazines are out on the store shelves. The renewal of life is all around us. God’s faithfulness can be seen in the midst of all the bleakness of winter.

There are a few new books that have been added to existing series – come and check out what is new.

There are still a few individuals who have not returned their library books from the first semester. Parents, could you please encourage your son/daughter to check their rooms or other favorite haunts for these missing library books. These will all have to be accounted for before final exams and the ones that are not returned will be deducted from your book deposits.

Donations of age appropriate, gently used books are always welcome. Out of date magazines are also put to good use so as you spring clean, please put them aside for the school. Thank you again for your support.

Yvonne Reed
Librarian

Free “Will Clinic”

Central Alberta Christian High School and Lacombe Christian School, in conjunction with PCEEF (Parkland Christian Education Endowment Fund) will be offering a FREE “Will Clinic” on Wednesday, February 26 at 7:30 pm at Lacombe Christian School. Christian Stewardship Services’ representative Wayne De Boer will discuss how to prepare your Estate Plan and how you can align it with your faith. Please take a moment to contact Wayne De Boer by calling 587-316-2656 or email at wayned@csservices.ca to reserve your seat! **Reservations are requested, but not required.** For attending this evening, your name will be entered into a draw for a free husband and wife will supplied by Ken Cruickshank from Cruickshank and Hemmingson law office in Lacombe.

Student Council News

February was a super fun month for both Student Council members and the CACHS students, as we had a Bake Sale, a Panago hot lunch, had fun Valentine's Day festivities, and more!

While we have had tons of fun last month, we expect March to have its own entertainment as well! Upcoming this month, we will have Twin Day on March 6, where students can pick a friend to look identical to for the day. Students will be especially excited for March 20th when we will have a Taco-in-a-Bag Hot lunch and have Clash Day, where students can go out of their way to create unfashionable outfit choices!

Thanks to everyone for their continued CACHS support, and to the students for being so willingly involved in all the fun and games we get to have at school!

Shae-Lynn Ten Hove
Student Council Secretary

Europe Trip 2015: Paris, Provence & Barcelona

The Europe Trip to take place in March of 2015 has an itinerary not to be missed! We will fly to Paris and visit this world-class city. Almost every year, this city is the most-visited city in the world and has been the focal point of innumerable significant moments in the history of the West. We will go up the Eiffel Tower, visit the Louvre, Versailles and the Gare d'Orsay (now a museum), experience the grandeur of famous monuments, such as the Arc de Triomphe or Notre-Dame Cathedral, and enjoy walking down les Champs-Elysees or cruising on the river Seine. Then we will take the TGV (train grade vitesse – or high speed train) to Avignon, a medieval walled city famous from the times of the Great Schism, with its Gothic Palace where one of the popes resided. In Provence, we will also visit the town of Arles, with its Roman arena, and the nearby Pont du Gard, an aqueduct also built during roman times. We will drive by bus in the direction of Spain,

visiting the restored medieval walled city of Carcassonne along the way. This part of France is known for its vibrant Protestant movement, which gained the status of arch-rival to the Catholic Church in France in the late 16th century, to the point where there was a Protestant king of France (Henri IV) for a short time. We end our tour in Barcelona, Spain, where the eccentric architect Gaudi has left a distinct mark on the Catalonian city, which has a special festive flavour. These are some highlights of the trip, but there will be some other special features, such as a short cruise on the Mediterranean, just off the coast of France.

We announced the Europe Trip to students in assembly on January 31st and sent brochures home with those who expressed an interest. This time, we will be travelling with EF Tours and they offered a couple of incentives for those who sign up early, by filling out and signing their application form and making a deposit of \$100.00. We are delighted that so far, thirty-four people have signed up (26 students and 8 parents). But enrolment is still open. If you missed out on the early sign-up deadline (February 12), you can catch up with payments by March 17th (noon). By then, those who have already made a \$100 deposit will need to make their first payment of \$700. If you have not already signed up, you will need to write a cheque to CACHS for \$800 and fill out the application form. Then, there will be no more payments until next fall – one in October and one in November, to bring your total (for students) to \$3,550. (There is an \$89.00 fee for extra insurance coverage that will be added on, unless you officially decline). Also, parents will need to pay \$390 more than students for this trip, and this supplement should be included in the payment that is due by noon on March 17th.

If you are interested in joining up – as a student and/or parent – please let me know as soon as possible, so I can provide you with the information you will need and an application (snipeshoyt@shaw.ca) We are hoping to host a parent meeting with an EF Tours representative in mid-April (possible dates are April 10, 14th or 15th). We will let you know as soon as the date has been finalized.

Carolyn Snipes-Hoyt
Trip Co-ordinator