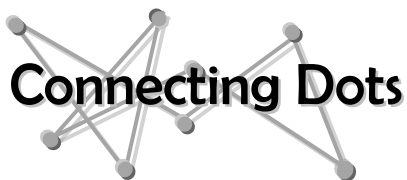


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Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

“Life is a journey, not a target!”

Perspective on life is so important for each one of us. We are all at different points in this life journey. Some of us with young children are aware that our kids are just beginning this voyage and it is filled with opportunities. These parents recognize that they and their children’s journeys are unique and filled with many important steps. Many of us have also been blessed with grandparents who live in the same time zone allowing us as well to consider their journey which may be in the later stages (earthly journey).

The point I am trying to make here concerns each of us, but most specifically our high school students. They too are on a journey and I often feel they are unduly burdened with the expectation of knowing where exactly their journey is headed. While I fully endorse setting goals for one-self in terms of careers and future plans, many students experience tremendous anxiety simply because they think this is an irreversible path; that it is a choice that is a one-time deal. It probably is not and I

believe for many of us, God has a variety of careers planned out for each of us at various times in our lives. In addition to this, I believe what God wants most from each of us is simply to love Him and to love our “neighbor”. I truly believe in honoring the gifts He has given each of us but if we begin with simply loving Him, seeking His will and direction all through life (not just as we are finishing high school), that He will direct our path over and over again. Perhaps it is time to rephrase the question “How are you going to serve God after high school?” and pose it as an opportunity rather than an irreversible proclamation.

A few weeks ago our school was blessed with a presentation from a gentleman who God has called to a new area of service. “Retirement” has set in and this husband and wife team has found a new opportunity to love God and their neighbor in Nicaragua. We all have key moments when decisions about work or study, about change or opportunity, need to be made. Let’s be sure that these steps are made surrounded by prayer, that these steps honor God, serve our neighbors and utilize the gifts God has given each of us. Truly then we can relax, enjoy the journey, and simply make each day a time to rest in the assurance of His promise that He will use us to serve!

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

April Board Notes

We encourage everyone to attend the Spring Society meeting on Thursday, May 22nd at 7:30 pm. It will be an informative evening with a special presentation from those who went on the recent Israel Trip.

We will also be voting on the proposed budget for the 2014-2015 school year, electing new board members, and the soccer field proposal will be presented. Not to mention refreshments afterwards!

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 for May

The budget for the 2014/2015 school year was approved at the April Board meeting and will be presented to the Society at the Spring Society meeting on Thursday, May 22nd. We hope to see many of you there.

Tuition commitment letters will be sent out by the end of May. Please return the “Method of Payment” part back to the Business Administrator by June 15th.

Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

Fashion Show Update

The fashion show has once again come and gone. The students had lots of fun modeling the Spring and Summer fashions that are available in various Red Deer and Lacombe stores. Thank you to the many stores who allowed us to showcase their clothing. We would especially like to express a heartfelt thank you to Kathy Oszust for her inspirational message about their experience with the Stollery Children’s Hospital.

We would also like to thank CACHS Catering for the great desserts, the many sponsors who donated items for the silent auction and door prizes, and to the many hands (students, staff & parents) who stayed to help clean up at the end of the evening. We raised a total of \$5,750 for the Stollery Children’s Hospital Foundation! Thank You Everyone!!

Fashion Show Committee

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 would like more information, please contact Clarence Verveda our Maintenance Committee Chairman or Kevin Reed at CACHS at 403-782-4535.

Christian Home & School

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

Library Notes - May 2014

It's hard to believe that this school year is coming to an end. From the date of writing this, there are 24 days of school left before the first departmental exam and 30 days before grade 10 and 11 exams. Then last but not least, 35 schools day until graduation. The final countdown is upon us! There is still so much that will need to be completed; projects, a drama production, the Sport Performance trip, and the grad trip.

In the midst of all of the fun, we need to have a final date for all Library books to be returned. We have decided that as of May 30th, **NO** books will be checked out of the library and **all** books need to be returned starting June 2nd. **The final date for book returns will be June 13th**, after which invoices will be sent out for lost or outstanding books. Please take a look around your homes and find these elusive books that may have become fixtures on night stands or as door stops, and send them back to school. Thank you!

During your spring/summer cleaning, please keep in mind that the library can always make use of your age appropriate books that you no longer have use or room for.

Yvonne Reed
Librarian

Grad 2014 Update

The Grad Committee has been working hard to come up with many great ideas for the upcoming Graduation on June 27th. We have picked our theme which is "*Living a Fruitful Life*" and are eagerly planning around that theme. We are very excited to announce that our Grad Speaker will be Mr. Travis Eggink! Mr. Eggink joined CACHS the same year we did and our journey with him through the last three years has been memorable. He has especially impacted the athletes of the class as he has been an awesome coach and mentor for both girls' and guys' teams.

We have handed out the invitations for the graduation ceremony which will be held at the New Life Fellowship Church in Red Deer at 3 pm and are presently working with the students to distribute the banquet tickets. The banquet, which is by invitation only, will be in the CACHS gym.

Things are really coming together for Grad and we are

so excited for that. We hope to see as many people there as possible!

Thanks and have a good rest of May!

Shae-Lynn Ten Hove – Grad Committee Secretary

Career Corner

So how do we help students plan for their future? How do students know what their callings are? Wayne Brouwer advises that we should not seek God's will for a particular moment, but seek God's wisdom throughout life. "First, while I appreciate the desire to seek God's will at life's crossroads, I think that it is even better to seek God's wisdom in general." Educating for Life Today and Tomorrow – A Christian Schools Canada Publication.

All students had the opportunity to learn more about possible careers. The grade 10's attended the Career Expo in Red Deer, and the grade 11's and 12's attended the Skills Canada Competition at the Edmonton Expo Center.

The grade 12 students have been informed of the following CACHS scholarships. These are available for graduating students who are planning on attending post-secondary education. Specific requirements are stated in the application form.

The following scholarships are all **due May 31st**.

- Avelyn Prins Scholarship
- Cameron B. Dowling Memorial Scholarship
- Jenna Weenink Memorial Scholarship
- Drs. Engel and Power – Family Eye Care Scholarship
- Bentley Seed Cleaning Plant Award

Veronica Den Oudsten
Career Counselor

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:

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
September 19 – Eggink/Steenbergen wedding

If you are able to help serve and/or clean up at any of these 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

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Calendar

May 19 – Victoria Day – no school
May 22 – CACHS Society meeting – 7:30 pm
May 28, 29 & 30 – Grad trip
June 4 & 5 – Drama 20/30 play – see note elsewhere
June 5, 6 & 7 – Sport Performance trip
Departmental exams:
June 12 – English 30-1/30-2 – Part A
June 13 – Social 30-1/30-2 – Part A
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 – Graduation
- Report card pickup until noon

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 Frolo, 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.

Student Council News

Though this month isn't over yet, May has been a fun and exciting month for Student Council! We wrapped up our last dance of the year on May 2nd, and it was a success. We had lots of fun with everyone who came out, and got to see some fun costumes. We also had an excellent Subway Hot Lunch on May 8th, as well as Geek Day! We always look forward to these fun spirit days and hopefully we get the chance to do a couple more before the year is over. It's so encouraging to see our fellow students work together to create such a fun environment at CACHS.

Shae-Lynn Ten Hove
Student Council Secretary

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 a 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.

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.

Chocolate Chunk – 1
Dark Chocolate White Chocolate Chunk – 5
Ginger Crinkle – 3
Monster – 1
The Motherlode – 5
White Chocolate Macadamia Nut – 4
Oatmeal Coconut Chocolate Chunk – 5
Oatmeal Raisin Spice – 2
Shortbread – 1
Sugar Cookie - 1