



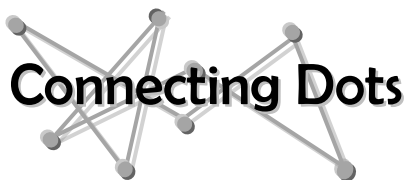
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NEWSLETTER

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“When your **words** came, I ate (assimilated) them; they were my joy and my heart’s delight, for I bear your name, O Lord God Almighty.”

“The unfolding of your **words** gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.” Psalm 139:130

“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord’, and do not do what I say? I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my **words** and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.” Luke 6: 46-48

As we began the school year a few weeks ago, I spoke at the opening assembly about the power of words. We reflected on the words of famous speakers such as Martin Luther King fifty years ago proclaiming “I have a dream”. We considered the words of song writers, poets and authors as they presented words which inspire and direct the minds, hearts and hands of their audience. Scripture, God’s Word, often takes a back seat to other words we hear in our information filled world and we need to be careful what we consider worth listening to. Stories, illustrations and examples built with the foundation of God’s word can help us put into context

what God may be revealing to us. I challenged the students and staff to analyze the words of our culture, the words of leaders to see whether they reflect God’s truth (many actually do).

In order to effectively do this, we as Christians must spend time in God’s word, but not necessarily looking for verses which seem to back up what we think is true. For many of us who have been raised in the faith, we are able to recall the main stories of both the Old and New Testaments, but we often fail to continue to study these words looking for “hidden” truths which will direct our path. Examine all things in light of God’s entire message and we can then proceed with confidence as we sort out the myriad of words we hear on a daily basis.

Words need also to be visible. Recognize that what we say means very little if our actions (visible and invisible) do not reflect what we claim to acknowledge as truth. God’s word demands action, one that reflects God’s character of love, grace, and acceptance. It is our prayer at CACHS this year, that we will be known for how we put our words into a visible form. A place where all are valued, where God’s word is our foundation and where God’s will for our lives is revealed.

What did your words do today? May God grant us wise words to bless.

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

September Board Notes

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.” 1 John 4:7

Our chairman opened our August board meeting with this verse and continued on to read about God’s love for us and how we should love each other. It was very fitting as we open a new school year that we are reminded how we are to love each other, just as God loves us. It was his prayer that as we begin a new academic year the board and the school as a whole show love to those around us each day in how we treat each other, deal with various issues and generally live our daily lives.

Welcome to all new and returning students, staff and their families. We hope you all had an enjoyable and refreshing summer break and look forward to another year of school community with learning and growing together!

A big thank you to Makkinga Construction, the Makkinga family and anyone else who helped for their generous donation of time and manpower for the building of the storage shed. Thank you also to CACHS Catering for their monetary donation for the storage shed and to all the volunteers on CACHS Catering who make that possible.

This year’s Board is engaged in some long term strategic planning which will be part of our regular board meetings. Please pray for the board as well as we continue to meet monthly.

2013-2014 Board members are:

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

Operating Financial Statement for August 2013

Opening balance – June 1	\$ 195,737.23
Receipts – June 1 – August 31	+ 201,408.64
Expenses – June 1 – August 31	- 270,607.27
Balance as of August 31	\$ 126,538.60

Just a reminder to please check your student’s June report cards as I still have some outstanding book deposits that have not been cashed. The cheques were attached to the report cards. Also if you have not yet sent in your tuition cheques for this school year, please do so as soon as possible

Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

Allergy Alert!!!

Our school is now 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. Please help us with this request. Thank you.

Harvest Fest 2013

Harvest Fest 2013 will be held on Friday, November 1, 2013 and will take place at Central Alberta Christian High School. The format of the evening will be changing to a theme based live auction but will also have bazaar tables and silent auction areas. Please see the insert in this newsletter for more information.

Rutherford Scholarship

Congratulations to 17 of our graduates and former students who received a total of \$35,600.00 in Alexander Rutherford scholarships. The students receiving these funds are presently registered in post secondary schools.

CACHS Family Phone List

For those families who have students at CACHS, the family phone list is part of this newsletter. If there are any errors in names and/or phone numbers, please call Ann at the office at 403-782-4535.

Career Corner

Christian Schools Canada put together a publication entitled “Educating for life Today and Tomorrow – a resource manual for high school guidance.” This manual is a guide and resource for our school. Each month I will share a portion from it.

“Our beliefs about Guidance: We believe that our guidance program must honor God and develop the gifts and potential of each student. Therefore we will:

- Honor God by celebrating the human potential of each student;
- Affirm that each student is created in God’s image to live in relationship with Him and others;
- Help students to discover their gifts so they may honor God’s purpose for their lives and find joyful and fulfilling work”

Reminders:

- Open houses for most post-secondary institutions are running from October to November. Check out the websites of the schools you are interested in to find out when they are.
- Thursday, October 31 – CACHS hosts post-secondary education afternoon.
- Wednesday, November 13 – Lacombe Composite High School will host a post-secondary event.

I will be at CACHS on Mondays and Wednesdays, and at other times when necessary. Please call if you have any questions or concerns.

Veronica Den Oudsten
Career Counselor

Calendar

September 27 – Body Worlds Field trip
October 4 – Picture day – student and class pictures
October 10 – “Meet the Teacher” evening
October 14 – Thanksgiving Day – no school
October 23 – 25 – CEA teachers’ convention in Lacombe – no school
November 1 – Harvest Fest at CACHS

Library Notes - September 2013

A new year is already in motion. We are finishing our first full week of school. The retreat has happened and the first volleyball games have been played. It’s hard to believe that school has started with the weather we are experiencing – but I’m not complaining! God has blessed us.

This year is a trial year for me. I am attempting to fill the need for a librarian at two other schools as well as CACHS. I have been at Ponoka Christian School for the past two years and will continue working there, but will now also be working at Lacombe Christian School. My week will be rather divided with Monday and Tuesday at CACHS, Wednesday at Ponoka and Thursday and Friday at Lacombe Christian. If you are not sure where to reach me, just contact the CACHS office – Ann is very good at helping me keep organized.

This year, I am hoping to add to existing book series that were started last year. I am also busy cataloguing the 100+ videos and DVDs that were given to us by Parkland Regional Library in June. The library is open to all those who need a place to read or to just hang out and de-stress, and yes to do some class work as well. Just a reminder that your cell phone should be on vibrate if you are in the library so as not to disturb others who are trying to work. I would also ask that you please clean up after yourselves.

Yvonne Reed
Librarian

Christian Home & School

Christian Schools International is pleased to introduce Christian Home and School magazine’s new digital format! To access the 2013 High School issue, please click the link provided, or copy and paste it into your browser.

<http://www.mydigipub.com/publication/?i=157684>

CACHS Catering

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

- October 17 – Ponoka Christian School
Thanksgiving supper
- October 24 – Teachers convention at LMC
- November 1 – Harvest Fest at CACHS
- November 22 – De Gier Anniversary at Meridian
Beach Hall
- November 28 – Peppertree Christmas supper

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

Phys Ed Department Request

We are looking for the following items for our Phys Ed department.

- two hockey nets
- two sets of floor hockey goalie equipment
- cross-country skis (“fish scale” bottoms please)
- baseball gloves
- tennis racquets
- a good quality ping-pong table – must have wheels and be able to fold up when not in use

If you have any of these items and would be willing to donate them to the school, we would greatly appreciate it. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact me at the school. Thank you.

Travis Eggink, Athletic Director



Harvest Fest 2013
Friday November 1, 2013
at Central Alberta Christian High School.

This year's entertainment is Gery Schubert as "Rene Mauve Toupee" who will be hosting the **CACHS Academy Awards**. Come walk down the red carpet with the stars. Make sure to bring your camera and autograph book, as you never know who you will see! Dress is formal to business semi-formal attire.

Tickets will be \$35.00 each and are available at the school office or from ticket sellers. Get your tickets early, as there will be no tickets sold at the door. Doors will open at 6:30 pm with supper at 7:00 pm.

The format of the evening will be changing to a theme based live auction with bazaar tables and silent auction areas as well. As a committee we are looking for items or cash to set up groupings into a theme format for the live auction. Some of the themes we are

- Entertainment
- Travel
- Kitchen
- Laundry
- Sport
- Shop (tools etc.)
- Eating out for year (gift cards)

If you would like to donate an item to one of the themes please contact one of the committee members. Any individual or business providing an item to a group theme can receive a tax receipt for the purchase price when the purchase receipt is handed into the Business Office with name and address.

Anyone or any business who wishes to donate cash for one of the theme groups will receive a tax receipt. Committee members will purchase items for the designated grouping.

Committee Members

Shanna Hulsman 403-783-2548, Lidy DeWit 403-782-7440, Sandra Brandsma 403-782-1855, Beatty Vriend 403-314-1176 and Wendy Barnes home 403-885-5187 or at school 403-782-4535

