

## NEWSLETTER

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### *“Eternity”*

“It comes the very moment you wake up each morning. All your wishes and hopes for the day rush at you like wild animals. And the first job each morning consists in shoving them all back; in listening to that other voice, taking that other point of view, letting that other larger, stronger, quieter life come flowing in.” C.S. Lewis

New Year’s resolutions, although vastly over rated, do have some value when we combine them with a reflection of what is really important. For many of us a reflection involves the high points of 2014, the disappointments of 2014, and the resolve to fix or tweak a few things in our lives for 2015. All too often this becomes an adjustment of our spending and eating habits. A good friend suggested to me this past holiday that New Year’s resolutions should ask us some questions, questions which surround the truly important areas of life, questions about values, questions about thankfulness, questions about faith and eternity.

I was reading the “Banner” during the holidays, a denominational magazine which was exploring the concept of faith retention in North America. They pointed out some statistics which reveals that shrinking

portions of our young people are retaining their faith into adulthood. The first impulse towards data such as these is often denial, (not in our family!) or fear (what is becoming of our world?). After reading this article, I was reminded of Bible stories of Joshua, Abraham, Elijah, Moses, Noah, and many of the prophets who too were mindful of the shrinking population of committed followers of our Lord. It is during these times, that God’s words of promise remind and reinforce us of what is truly important in life. It is also a reminder that God is faithful. **“Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel – all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.”** 1 Kings 19:18

Immediately following this message from God to Elijah was the arrival of Elisha to support and carry on the work of Elijah. God is faithful, He is in control and although our North American society is becoming increasingly anti-Christian, we should not lose hope or confidence. Be vigilant and alert; be renewed in conviction to raise our sons and daughters in the way of the Lord, to run the race with perseverance always trusting that God will continue to equip us and our children for His service when we seek His will.

What am I thankful for from the year 2014? God’s faithfulness, His wisdom and guidance, and examples of faith I find each day as I interact with staff and students at school. We pray for the world, we seek ways to bring God’s kingdom to our neighborhoods, but at CACHS, we seek to equip our students, each one to be God’s image bearer in a world that may not know or acknowledge Him. May each of our community be counted amongst the “seven thousand”

**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**

who have not bowed down to the things of the world, whose mouths proclaim allegiance to the true King. This is where my thankfulness for 2014 is found and where my hope and goals for 2015 lie.

Lord: Stamp eternity on my eyeballs. (Jonathan Edwards)

Mr. Brandsma

## Board Notes

The New Year begins with great fanfare and excitement, a New Year full of promise AND a New Year with no mistakes in it ...yet. There will always be mistakes in our lives, but we can be reminded what Proverbs says; "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him and He will make your paths straight."

Our next board meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2015.

Sue Stang  
Board Secretary

## Financial Update for January 2015

We would like to thank everyone who donated towards the Fall Drive. With proceeds from Harvest Fest and donations, we received a total of \$102,506.89 which met the set goal of \$100,000 for the 2014 Fall Drive. As a school we are truly blessed by the support we receive from our community.

Donation receipts have either been mailed or distributed through the church mailboxes. If you haven't received yours by February 10<sup>th</sup> please give me a call and I will get a duplicate to you.

Once again thank you for all the support that is given to the school either by monetary or prayer. May you be as blessed as we are blessed by you.

Wendy Barnes  
Business Administrator

## Sick, Late or an Appointment

If your child is sick, running late or has an appointment, please inform the school office first thing in the morning by phone at 403-782-4535 or by email at [office@cachs.ca](mailto:office@cachs.ca) Thank you!

## Wolf Creek Bussing

We have received word from the Wolf Creek Transportation office that the Wolf Creek busses will be providing transportation for our students on February 19 (Thursday), May 29 and June 12, 2015. These dates originally did not have Wolf Creek bussing but as of now bussing will be provided for those days.

## Library Notes - January 2015

There are numerous new books that are ready for circulation. Several of the new books are the next in some of the popular series like the Crittendon files by Creston Mapes, A Charmed Life by Jenny B. Jones and finally the Restoration Chronicles by Lynn Austin.

I have also added the Maze Runner series and a new series by Sandra Orchard and Jill Williamson. There is something for everyone. Whether you enjoy an intriguing complicated mystery, a light romance or historical fiction, there is something for you. Come in and take a look.

Yvonne Reed  
Librarian



Subway Cards are available at the school office for \$10.00. They expire June 20, 2015. All monies raised will be used for sports related activities that no fees are collected for.

## *Career Corner*

The aims of the guidance program as set out by Christian Schools Canada in their resource manual for high school guidance states:

“Christian young people are members of the covenant of grace, chosen by God to be vessels of honor. As they understand and accept their responsibilities as citizens of God’s kingdom, they apply the simple, yet fundamental, principle of doing all things to the glory of God with creative ability and technical skill. They regard all work as honorable, and intend to make all that they do in their business, labour, professional career, and work in the home an expression of Christian service.”

CACHS tries to promote this philosophy in all aspects of the educational process. Throughout the courses that are taught and the conversations we have with students inside and outside the classroom, we try to focus on that fundamental principle of doing ALL things to the glory of God.

CACHS recently signed up to be part of MyBLueprint. This is an educational planner developed in Canada that will be used as part of the CALM class and job prep module. Once students create an account they will have access to various features including an occupation planner, post-secondary planner, job-finder program and more. Details will follow.

Veronica Den Oudsten  
Career Counselor

## *Student Council News*

Welcome back everyone to a new year! I hope everyone had a wonderful break. Our World Renew fundraiser was a great success and raised \$1,935.50. Thanks to all who donated. There will be a Subway hot lunch on February 11<sup>th</sup> with Valentines matchmaker forms being handed out to follow on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Yet another spirit day happened and this time students (and staff) dressed up like identical twins. In March there will be a games night for all students to enjoy and finally, another dance will take place on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Nathan Hazelhoff, Student Council Secretary

## *CACHS Basketball*

Congratulations to the girls’ basketball team who won the CACHS invitational tournament January 9 -10, 2015. The tournament had 14 basketball teams come through the doors of CACHS and Lacombe Christian School. THANKS to LCS for allowing us the use of their facilities. THANKS to all the parents who helped out throughout the weekend. Having a concession at the school, and breakfast available for those who were staying here is great way of welcoming community into our school. We also made over \$500 for the basketball program. A big thanks to Alida Doornbos and Terry and Donna Vandeborn for spearheading this effort.

## *Europe Trip 2015 - Just two months away!!*

Details about our trip are falling into place. Please read this information carefully and respond as directed.

We have just been given the schedule for our confirmed flights, and we will be departing from Calgary at 11:40 a.m. on March 26<sup>th</sup> with Air Canada via Montreal to Paris. We will leave the school as a group on March 26 – by bus – at about 6:15 a.m. that morning in order to be at the airport three hours in advance. Our return will be on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> via Frankfurt and then directly to Calgary, arriving at 3:10 pm. You will need to arrange for pick up – car pooling would definitely be an option.

We will let you know very soon, how much money we will need to collect for the bus (in Canadian dollars) and for tips (in Euros) on the trip. We would recommend that all travelers order at least 150 Euros from a local bank. It may take two weeks or longer for the cash to arrive.

Participants are asked to contact the airlines directly with any questions regarding the flight, including baggage restrictions. Each traveler will be limited to one suitcase and one carry-on (preferably a backpack), but be sure to check weight allowances and dimensions. You will not want a large, heavy suitcase since some hotels may not have elevators. Those of you returning after the group will be able to travel to Europe with us – on the same flights. Only your return flights will be different, of course.

**Parental consent forms and liability waivers** have been sent home with the students. Please keep in mind that **these need to be returned to us by February 17, just after the Family Day weekend**. They must be filled out and signed, with the official seal of the lawyer or notary who witnessed the signing, in the case of the Parental Consent form – for students under the age of 18 at the time of departure. Thank you in advance.

Thank you also for indicating special medical conditions or dietary restrictions/allergies to the tour company right away – especially for adult

participants. We have given this information to EF Tours. For students, we have accessed this information through school records.

**There will be a meeting for parents and participants on Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 8 pm**, where more precise information will be given about the trip and special instructions will be given that will enable all to enjoy the trip to the fullest.

This trip is becoming a reality, with the various steps in the planning moving us forward as time goes on!

Best wishes to all for a blessed New Year!

Carolyn Snipes-Hoyt and Peter Hoekstra  
Co-ordinators of the 2015 Europe Trip

## *Calendar*

January 26 – Math 30-1 & 30-2 – a.m.  
January 28 – Chemistry 30 – a.m.  
January 23-28 – Exams for Grades 10 & 11  
January 23 – French 30 – Grade 12  
                    English 20 – Grade 11  
                    Social 10 – Grade 10  
January 26 – Biology 20 & Science 20/24 - Grade 11  
                    Science 10 – Grade 10  
January 27 – Math 20-1 & 20-2 – Grade 11  
                    French 10 – Grade 10  
January 28 – French 20 – Grade 11  
January 29 – Exam make up day/ski trip  
January 30 – Semester break  
February 2 – Second semester starts  
February 3 – Final report card for Semester One  
February 5 – Parent teacher interviews after school  
                    and evening  
February 13 – Staff collaboration day – no school  
February 15 – Family Day – no school  
March 6 – Staff collaboration day – no school  
March 9 – Europe trip meeting for all participants  
                    at 7 pm till approximately 8 pm  
March 26 to April 4 – Europe trip  
March 26 – April 6 – Spring Break  
May 1 – Fashion Show  
June 26 – Graduation

## *CACHS Catering*

We have received numerous requests for bookings for this year. However, 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.

January 31 – Dinner at Red Deer 1<sup>st</sup> CRC  
May 1 – Fashion Show at CACHS  
May 9 – Wedding dinner at Lincoln Hall  
June 6 – Wedding dinner at Parkland Reformed Church  
June 26 – CACHS grad  
July 11 – Birthday at Bethel CRC Lacombe  
July 17 – Wedding dinner at LMC Lacombe  
August 22 – Wedding dinner - Lacombe

If you are able to help serve and/or clean up at any of our functions, please contact Anne 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  
Jennette Oosterink  
Clase van Iperen  
Rosemary Vander Ploeg  
Ester Verhoef

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