

NEWSLETTER

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“Hope”

June signifies graduation: a time which can bring relief, but also tremendous anxiety. For many of our families, graduation from grade 12 is a hope for the last eighteen years. Actually I trust it is more than a hope; I pray it involves a quiet confidence that God is faithful and that He will direct the paths of young men and women who are committed to serving Him in all areas of life.

Graduation signifies an ending, but also a beginning. It is an end for many students to a time of formal education, a time when one's day, week, month and year is carefully laid out by someone else. It signals an end to a time in their life when many of life's decisions are made for them. The annoying question of what they will do in the years ahead used to be exciting and open to many ideas; however, suddenly our graduates are faced with deriving a time sensitive answer that “needs” to be addressed. What will I do after June 26th? Should I go back to school or should I get a job? If I get a job, what kind of job should I do? Should I live at home or should I move out on my own? Perhaps the most frightening element of these questions is that there appears to be no right answer.

My hope for each student is that regardless what their

answers to the aforementioned questions are; is that they continually seek out the will of the One who made them. My prayer is that this will be a life-long process at many unique stages of life. There will always be new information to be learned. There will always be questions to be asked, and to be answered. There will always be times of wondering, of evaluating, of trying to make sense of this world we find ourselves living in. Psalm 15:11 speaks of a path prepared by God for us to follow. “You make known to me the path of life, in our presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand there are pleasures forever.” In Psalm 25:5, we read: “Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.”

Life is filled with many highs and lows; times to celebrate and times to mourn. Yet one thing remains, hope which rests securely in the knowledge that we are not alone, that God reigns with His people; where justice, mercy and peace are the target for the day, where life is precious, where each person is valued. May this graduation be a sign of hope, of one goal being accomplished but along with this success the determination to “press onward toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3: 13-14

May God grant each of you a blessed summer of hope and rest. Hope based upon His presence in our lives and rest in the knowledge that He will direct our path, today, tomorrow and for all eternity.

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

Board Notes

We welcome new board members Jolanda Rodenburg and Martin van de Velde! We say goodbye to Peter DeWit, our board chair, and Peter Walls who served six years on our school board. We appreciated all their dedication and hard work that they gave to the board, CACHS and various committees. We will miss them!

We had our spring society meeting May 21, 2015. Highlights that were discussed during the meeting were: our budget for the upcoming 2015/16 school year and the government's role in that; revising our vision and mission statement; and recommendations from our administration review report.

The Administrative Review Report which was presented by our Board Chair at the spring society meeting, is part of this newsletter.

The board extends their blessing and congratulations to all the Grade 12 graduation class of 2014/2015. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Sue Stang
Board Secretary

Financial Update for May 2015

With another school year coming to end, if you haven't returned your "Method of Payment" please return it as soon as possible. If you have received your renewal for "Electronic Fund Transfer Authorization Form" please return it before the end of the school year. If you would like an "Electronic Fund Transfer Authorization Form" please contact me and I will send one out to you. I will need them back no later than August 15th to set up for September.

I will be in at the school during the summer so if you have questions feel free to contact me at the school

At this time I would like to wish all of you a great summer!

Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

Graduation 2015

Graduation will take place at 2:00 pm on Friday, June 26th at the New Life Fellowship Church in Red Deer. Doors for the banquet will open at 6:00 pm with the banquet (by invitation only) beginning at 6:30 pm.

Thank You!

We would like to say a huge thank you to the following businesses for their generous donations to the luncheon that was held at our school on June 15th for the CPAC Soccer event. Your contributions were very much appreciated!

Wolf Creek Truck Wash
Shantro Developments
Lacombe Signmasters
Stellarwood Developments
Luymes Lumber
Makkinga Construction
Nick Leshler - Remax
Kent Olsen - Protec Pest Control Services
HT Catering
Den Oudsten Dairy
The Cone
Scholings Produce
Pik n Pak

Grade 10 Registration

If your child is planning on attending CACHS in the fall, we would ask that you send in their registration and course selection sheet as soon as possible. Both the registration form and course selection sheet were recently mailed out to those students that we know are planning to attend CACHS in September. If you are considering sending your child and have any questions please call the school at 403-782-4535.

Career Corner -

“All of our students want to do work that is meaningful and pays for their way of life. Why is it so difficult to find one’s life work? What is one’s path to be? Why is it so difficult to figure out what God wants us to do? This is not a new problem. Think of Moses, who took eighty years to find his vocation and wrestled with God all the way. Think of Saul who hid from the nominating committee when kingship was conferred on him. John Calvin, who firmly believed in the sovereignty of God, found little of that comprehensive divine will to clearly map his vocational steps. What do we learn from these saints? That we need to both plan for the future, and accept God’s hand in a change of plans.” Educating for Life Today and Tomorrow

I wish all the grade 12’s a wonderful journey. I pray that they may seek the Lord in all they do as the faith journey is the most important one of all. It has been a privilege to spend time with these wonderful young people.

Veronica Den Oudsten
Career Counselor

Library News

Congratulations to the Grade 10’s – they are the first class to have all their library books returned!

It’s hard to believe that we are looking at another graduation. This year seems to have flown by. Many of you will be sorely missed.

I have started a games and puzzle collection in the library, so during your summer clean up or treasure hunting trips, if you happen to find a fun, gently used game, or a puzzle with all its pieces, it will be put to good use here in the library.

I am also looking for 2 – 4 comfortable chairs that are in good condition to replace the well worn and broken chairs that we have now. Please give me a call if you happen to come across something that might work.

Thanks again for a wonderful year. I hope you all have a fantastic and relaxing summer!

Yvonne Reed
Librarian

CACHS Catering

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.

June 26 – CACHS grad
July 11 – Kits birthday at Bethel CRC Lacombe
July 17 – Kristin Van Stryland/Shane Duker
wedding dinner at LMC in Lacombe
October 15 – Ponoka Christian School Thanksgiving
Dinner
October 30 – CACHS Harvest Fest
November 20 – Wedding at Stagecoach, Ponoka
December 12 - Wedding

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

Calendar

June 19 – 23 – Grade 10 and 11 school exams
June 22 – Biology 30 departmental exam
June 25 – Physics 30 departmental exam
June 26 – Graduation
- Staff wrap up
- Report card pick up until noon
August 25 – 28 – Teacher planning days
August 31 – First day of 2015-2016 school year
September 7 – Labour Day – no school
September 11 – All school retreat at Camp Rehoboth
October 22 – 23 – PCCE Teachers convention –
no school
December 19 – January 3 – Christmas Break