



CENTRAL ALBERTA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

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Galatians 5: 22-23 (NIV) “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. Against such things there is no law.”

Christian education cannot be just about the dissemination of information or ideas, even if they are “from a Christian perspective.” An education is traditionally a formation, making us certain kinds of people. Jamie Smith – Desiring the Kingdom

Posture, our appearance indicates who we are. Is our posture indicating surrender or control? Is it to direct or serve? We are commanded to live by posture; fruits of the spirit. As image bearers, as messengers sent by our Creator, we are called to take on the appearance of Christ who came not to be served, but to serve. So we ask; does my posture reflect who I represent? Or do I present mixed messages?

It is said that in order to master an activity, 10000 repetitions are necessary. Spiritual disciplines are practices which take time to develop, to become a habit, to become a life-long discipline. This side of eternity we are not able to be perfectionists, but we can begin this process. Educating our children, educating

ourselves takes time intensive practices. We live in a culture which expects immediate results. We expect dramatic results with limited time and effort and we expect our posture (appearance) to be quickly attained. Can we image a student to be a completed version of who they are created to be? Is this even realistic?

One of the most rewarding experiences is that of reflection: Reflection upon the growth and development of a person who becomes a “master” at reflecting Jesus Christ. We begin at a very early age of developing practices of faith in our children through prayer, devotions, Bible stories, church attendance, and Christ centered education. We prepare their hearts and minds to a posture that is real, an appearance that speaks to Christ-like character, to a life lived in gratitude and service to the One who offers all. As life progresses in each of our lives, we need to reflect on our posture and ascertain whether this pose reflects a child of God. Perhaps this is why at the end of our days, funerals may become celebrations of a life that while imperfect, always strived for a development of self towards the creation we were created to be.

Each of us needs to take time periodically to consider our practices. Do they truly reflect the image we need to portray? Do our actions speak to what our hearts say? Is there an area of our life which is inconsistent with the posture we are to portray? If so (and there always is), how can we tighten up our core so that our posture reflects a God who never changes. Don't forget to offer forgiveness as well as each of us falls short of the image we seek to reflect.

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

The Fall Drive has begun and donations were greatly appreciated at the Harvest Fest on November 7, 2014. Our goal for this year is \$100,000.00

Construction is now complete on the sports field. The city will be reconstructing the walking path in the spring.

The on-site process of the Administrative review was done at the school on November 3rd and 4th. We will now wait for the final report from the Prairie Center for Christian Education (PCCE).

Sue Stang
Board Secretary

Please note the change of date for the Fall Society Meeting. It has now been set for Tuesday, November 25 at 7:30 pm at CACHS.

Financial Update for November

We would like to thank the Board of Building Blocks Thrift Store for their generous gift of \$25,000.00. As a school we are blessed by the generosity of this group as these funds help with keeping tuition affordable.

Harvest Fest has come and gone and it was a great evening had by all. At the end of the evening with the proceeds from the live and silent auctions, ticket sales and donations, the committee raised \$18,243.39.

The Fall Drive is underway. If you have not yet received a brochure either in your church mailbox or through the mail, you can request one from the school office or print one off from our website at <http://www.cachs.ca/images/stories/pdf/FallDrive.pdf>. We ask you to prayerfully consider to what extent you can support CACHS through this year's drive.

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 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, May 29 and June 12, 2015. These dates originally had no bussing available but as of now there will be bussing.

Library Notes - November 2014

The countdown has begun, 19 school days till Christmas Break and 37 school days till semester break (as of Friday, November 21st).

This year seems to be in fast forward. I need to deliberately slow myself down and enjoy the day. Take a minute or two to enjoy a good book, a friend, a meal or a favorite dessert.

Here are a few book suggestions:

How about slipping back into the early 1600 with Alexandre Dumas's thrilling adventure **The Three Musketeers** and experience the French court and the glorious fraternity of the king's men? Or something a little more recent like **The Adventures of Tom Sawyer** and experience life on the Mississippi and the tricks and shenanigans of Tom and his best friend, Huckleberry Finn. There is also The Safe Lands series, written by Jill Williamson which takes place in the distant future and picks up after life as we know it has ended and the earth and its occupants are struggling with a horrific virus. Similar to James Dasher's The Maze Runner in story line, yet so different in theme.

Take a moment from the rat race and read.

Yvonne Reed
Librarian

Career Corner

As I talk to students about their future, there seems to be a lot of uncertainty for students of all ages. The Christian Schools' publication, Educating for Life Today and Tomorrow states: "Tough decisions are unavoidable. God does not spell out for this choice or that decision. He has surrounded us with testimonies of wisdom and seeded our hearts and minds with the contours of morality."

Begin with the interdependence of community, rather than the vacuum of individuality. Wisdom is a communal gift. We experience it in the counsel of those whose lives testify of wisdom, those who listen quietly to the Spirit, those who understand God's words, and those who have journeyed through successes and failures. Some choices are individual, others are communal; some are easy and some are very difficult.

What a blessing to be in a Christian school where the discussions of one's future can be rooted in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

CACHS students have had opportunity recently to gather information from various schools in regards to options for post secondary studies. A big thank you to all the schools that have taken time to stop by CACHS. I am sure the conversations will continue both at home and in school.

Veronica Den Oudsten
Career Counselor

CACHS Basketball

On Saturday, December 13, 2014 there will be a CACHS Alumni Basketball tournament. All CACHS alumni and school supporters interested in playing basketball are invited to participate.

Details: Contact Veronica Den Oudsten at vnoudsten@gmail.com to sign up.

Cost: \$10 gets you games and a t-shirt

Time: Come to CACHS at 9:00 a.m. and teams and game times will be determined then.

Student Council News

This month in student council is an exciting one! We had a great turn-out at the Western Dance on November 14 where students were able to show off their lasso-ing and sharp-shooting skills to win Rebels hockey tickets or Dairy Queen gift cards.

We also plan to start a fundraiser for World Renew to purchase an item or items from their Christmas Gift catalogue. It will be a competition between Period 1 classes, so be sure to participate in order to bless needy people around the world.

On November 28th we plan on having a Comfy Day. Come dressed for the day in your comfiest gear! Coming soon, we'll be starting lunchtime intramurals on Tuesdays. Sign up a team and get active and involved.

Nathan Hazelhoff
Student Council Secretary

CACHS Alumni Volleyball Tournament

The CACHS Alumni Volleyball Tournament will be held December 19 and 20. Each team may only have one non-alumni member. Cost is \$125/team. Deadline to enter your team is December 11. Please spread the news to those alumni not living locally. For more information or to enter your men's or women's team please phone Colleen at email schee@albertahighspeed.net **If alumni would like to play but don't have a team please phone or email Colleen.**

Europe Trip 2015 - Update

Just a reminder to those parent and student participants that the balance for the trip (\$1,450.00/person) is due as we said, by noon on November 28th **BUT WE ARE MAKING A SLIGHT ADJUSTMENT AND ASKING THAT YOU BRING IN YOUR CHEQUES (made out to CACHS) BY NOON ON NOVEMBER 27th**, the day before. And, of course, you are welcome to bring in those cheques any time before that. **Thank you!**

I have been looking into some historical issues related to the part of Southwestern France we will be driving through, including Carcassonne and Avignon. There are find the stories of early religious groups (two centuries before the Protestant Reformation) that valorized the New Testament account of Christ's ministry on this Earth, emphasizing His role in creating communities of believers amongst the common people. These Cathars and Waldenses insisted on individual spiritual experience, and thereby countered the official Western Roman Church's authority in spiritual matters. These and many other stories from the history of the Western world will come alive for us during this trip.

May God bless, during the Christmas season which is fast approaching.

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

Christian Home & School Magazine

The fall 2014 issue of the Christian Home & School Magazine is now available on line. Please visit csionline.org/christian_home_and_school for the digital link. We have received a number of hard copies which are available at the office. Please call the school at 403-782-4535 if you would like one.

CACHS Catering

We have received numerous requests for bookings for next 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.

We have one upcoming event for which we are looking for help and that is:

- Seniors Christmas dinner at 11:30 at Bethel CRC

If you are able to help serve and/or clean up at this function, 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
Jennette Oosterink
Clase van Iperen
Rosemary Vander Ploeg
Ester Verhoef

Emma Den Oudsten
CACHS Catering

Calendar

November 25 – Society meeting at 7:30 pm
December 5 – Staff collaboration day – no school
December 13 – Alumni basketball tournament
December 19 & 20 – Alumni volleyball tournament
December 20 to January 4 – Christmas break
January 5 – classes resume
January 13 – English 30-1 & 30-2 – Part A – a.m.
January 14 – Social 30-1 & 30-2 – Part A – a.m.
January 20 – English 30-1 & 30-2 – Part B – a.m.
January 21 – Social 30-1 & 30-2 – Part B – a.m.
January 26 – Math 30-1 & 30-2 – a.m.
January 28 – Chemistry 30 – a.m.
January 23-28 – Exams for Grades 10 & 11
January 29 – Exam make up day/School ski trip
January 30 – Semester break
February 2 – Second semester starts