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God First Always!

**“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.”
Proverbs 1:7**

Wisdom begins with God. Knowledge begins with God. Health begins with God. Success begins with God. Everything important begins and ends with God. A prescription for “success” in life often begins with establishing a foundation. A foundation that allows one to build and develop into the individual God created you to be.

Do you suffer from hurry sickness? When someone asks you how life is going for you, is your first response “busy”? James Bryan Smith in his book *“The Good and Beautiful God”* points out the concern when life becomes so busy we do not have time enough for God or our neighbors. In 1967, a futurist think tank made a prediction that in 10-20 years the number of hours a person worked would be reduced to 28 due to technological advances. Retirement ages would decline to the 40’s and life’s pace would be dramatically reduced.

I think we can say with absolute certainty, this is not the

case. Technology has helped us plan our days, shortened certain tasks, and made communication much easier, yet it comes with a price. We are connected to more people, yet in less meaningful ways. We are more independent upon our neighbors and our God than ever before. I too suffer from busyness trying to keep up to a society that seems to urge us to go farther and longer, accomplish more, and in turn, expects more. At a principal’s conference a couple of weeks ago, our chairperson spoke of creating time in our day for God and no one else. For him, it is a 5:30 a.m. start each day which is spent in bible study and prayer. “It is my favorite time of the day” he remarked. “This is where my foundation comes from, my ‘seeking first’ the things of God and then everything flows from this vantage point.”

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Mr. Brandsma

Grade 10 Registration

If your child is planning on attending CACHS in the fall, we would ask that you send in their registration as soon as possible. Registration forms were part of the information package that was handed out when Mr. Brandsma visited the grade 9 classes in April. They can also be downloaded from our website www.cachs.ca. The course selection sheets will be sent to the grade 9 students once they have been finalized. If you have any questions please call 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. 1 Timothy 4:12

Board Notes

As the school year is coming to an end, we extend our prayers and blessings to all the students preparing for exams and graduation!



Sue Stang
Board Secretary

Financial Update for May 2015

Parents of students attending CACHS in the fall will be receiving their tuition letter in the mail shortly.

Please send in the Method of Payment slip by June 15th to the Business Office.

Finance Committee put together a budget that was approved by the Board and will be presented to the Society at the Spring Meeting. If you have any questions and could not attend the Society meeting do not hesitate to call me.

Wendy Barnes
Business Administrator

Drama 20/30 Presentation

The Drama 20/30 class will be presenting *And A Child Shall Lead* by Michael Slade on June 3rd and 4th. The play will be presented in the CACHS Gym with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. and the play beginning at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 each and are available through the school office – 403-782-4535.

And A Child Shall Lead "...is the heroic and true story of children coming of age in Terezin, the "Jewish city" established by the Nazis near Prague as a way station before the death camps. In the face of unspeakable horror, these children use their determination and creativity to build lives filled with hope and beauty – playing, studying, making art, and writing an underground newspaper – all at the peril of being executed. Their actual poems and stories are woven into a fast-paced drama, evoking the universality of children caught in the insanity of war."

Library News

Only a few more weeks left in this school year and I'm sure you are all looking forward to the summer break as I am. BUT before we can all leave for the lake, the mountains or some other places of interest, there are a few things that need to be done.

All books are due back into the Library as of May 29. If this is an issue, please come talk to me and we might be able to work something out. All books still out as of June 10 will be deducted from your student's book deposit.

This summer when you are cleaning out of those neglected bookshelves, remember the school could benefit from your donations.

Thank you for another wonderful year.

Yvonne Reed
Librarian

Career Corner - April 2015

“Educating for Life Today and Tomorrow”, a Christian Schools Canada publication, states that there are various aims of the guidance program in a Christian high school. The first one is to know and appreciate themselves as image-bearers of God. Within the conversations that occur in and out of class, we try to encourage and challenge our students to develop an understanding of their personal strengths, weaknesses, interests and aptitudes, as they are called to consider God’s claim on their lives. I hope and pray that each student may rejoice in the knowledge of being an image-bearer of God.

** If your Grade 12 student is planning on attending post-secondary in the fall, please consider the following:

Alexander Rutherford Scholarships now need to be applied for online. Online applications will not be available until July and they will not accept any paper applications. An average of 75% in any school year results in scholarship money. Apply if unsure of average as it just takes a few minutes.

Student Loan applications also need to be applied for online. They usually open up at the end of June or beginning of July. It is a very easy process and you will know if you are receiving money soon after your application is completed.

Deadline of May 31 for the following CACHS Scholarships:

- Avelyn Prins Scholarship - \$1000 awarded to a student attending a post-secondary institution and specializing in the field of nursing.
- Cameron B. Dowling Memorial Scholarship - \$1000 given to a student who has always shown a passion for education and learning. They must be attending a post-secondary school and have a high potential for success and preferably be enrolling in the in the humanities or social sciences.
- Jenna Weenink Memorial Scholarship - \$200 awarded to a student enrolled in a full-time program who shows congenial leadership.
- Drs Engel and Power – Family Eye Care \$500 Scholarship – Awarded to an outstanding student planning to continue his/her education

after graduation at a university or vocational-technical school. Preference will be given to a student pursuing a career in the health care field.

- Bentley Seed Cleaning Plant Award – Approximately \$200 available to student registered in a post-secondary program with a preference given to those in an agriculture related field and have an average of at least 70%.

Veronica Den Oudsten
Career Counselor

ATTENTION: ALL GRADUATES' PARENTS!

As we know, graduation day is approaching fast. Here are some things you need to know: the day of Grad is Friday, June 26th at New Life Fellowship Church in Red Deer, Alberta at 2:00 p.m. All of the graduates received seven invitations containing this information. Doors for the banquet will open at 6:00 p.m. with the banquet (by invitation only) starting at 6:30 pm. We will need to know the number of tickets each grad needs by May 29th.

As well, the grade 12's are headed off on their grad trip on Monday, May 25th for a few days of friendship, fun and lifelong memories.

Extra Cookie Dough & Cinnamon Buns for Sale

The grade 12 graduating class recently held their cookie dough/cinnamon bun fundraiser and we have some extras available. If you are interested in purchasing some, please contact the school at 403-782-4535.

Extra cookie dough - \$15/tub
5 - Ginger Crinkle
1 - Monster cookies
1 - Oatmeal coconut chocolate chunk
5 - Shortbread

Extra cinnamon buns - \$12 each
2 boxes - Cinnamon Buns with Cream cheese icing

Europe Trip 2017

Attention fellow travelers!

It seems strange to be bringing up the next school excursion to Europe when the memories of our recent trip to Paris, Carcassone, Barcelona and more, are still fresh in our minds! However, the planning for our next trip is already well underway and I ask you to give consideration to the following request.

The itinerary for 2017 focuses upon locations that showcase Canada's military contributions in the two world wars, including a visit to the renowned Vimy Ridge Memorial. However, due to the popularity of this site and the timing of our trip, which coincides with the 100th anniversary of the historic Battle of Vimy Ridge, we are asking a number of families who are committed to participation to consider submitting their names in order for EF Tours to begin the process of securing seats, accommodations and site entries. It is anticipated that demand from across Canada for site access to Vimy in the spring of 2017 will be very high, and in order to assign a tour number to our school, the company requires the names and information of several participants. Additionally, those who commit to the tour by May 31 will experience a locked in price of \$3605 per student and \$3995 for adult participants.

If you are certain about your participation in this tour in the spring of 2017 and are willing to submit your name at this point, please contact me at the school at your earliest convenience. **There is no cost to you at this point in time.** This measure is only being taken to assure the school has the best possible access to Vimy Ridge.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Pete Hoekstra
2017 Europe Trip Coordinator

CACHS Catering

We, CACHS Catering say THANKS to the many volunteers who help do much of the visible work at our functions. You help serve, clean up and do many dishes. You feel awkward to step out of the kitchen to take a bow when we are asked to accept a thank you for another wonderful meal but without you we could not accomplish what gets done. At the end of a busy day of cooking it is always great to see fresh faces come to help do the messy job of cleaning up. Many thanks!!

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 3 - Ponoka Christian School Grade 9 graduation supper
- June 6 – Wedding dinner at Parkland Reformed Church (Michael Prins & Jessica Peters)
- 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



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.

Calendar

- June 3 & 4 – Drama 20/30 presentation at CACHS
- June 12 – English 30-1 and 30-2 exam – Part A
- June 15 – Social 30-1 and 30-2 Exam – Part A
- June 17 – English 30-1 and 30-2 Exam – Part B
- June 18 – Social 30-1 and 30-2 Exam – Part B
- June 19 – 22 – Grade 10 and 11 school exams
- June 22 – Biology 30 exam
- June 25 – Physics 30 exam
- June 26 – Graduation
 - Staff wrap up
 - Report card pick up until noon