

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER October 25, 2018

Dear Parents and Friends

As an independent school, we are not required to have a Parent Advisory Group if half or more of our Society Board members have children attending the school. While our Board members do have children in attendance here, we do not want to lose the opportunity to connect with all of our parents. We hope to hold four "Parent Evenings" over the duration of the year to hear your thoughts and concerns. Our first Parent Evening of the 2018/2019 school year is scheduled for tonight [October 25] at 7:00 PM: we look forward to seeing you!

Please be sure your child has clothing appropriate for the weather – and if that clothing is not being worn, it should be in the student's backpack. Students need to have a pair of gym shoes as well as a pair of outdoor shoes/boots. A gentle reminder for our students is they must wear shoes with non-marking soles to use the gym, and must wear shoes while in the hallways and classrooms.

The Society has started preparations for the annual Fall supper and Auction, to be held November 24, 2018 in the school gym. Plan to attend for an evening of fellowship and live and silent bidding on items in support of our school. Information will be shared with you as the Fundraising Committee finalizes the details.

Praise God for the beautiful fall weather that has allowed harvest to continue!

Our Lord's blessings be with you. Sincerely, Alan Welde

### October and November Dates to Remember

Thursday, October 25: Parent Evening

Thursday, November 8: Term One Report Cards

Monday, November 12: Remembrance Day

observation: no classes

Wednesday, November 14: Parent/Teacher

Conferences

Monday, November 19: Society Board Meeting Saturday, November 24: Fall Supper and Auction

Tuesday, November 27: Hot Lunch

## **Basketball**

We have received notice on October 24 that we will be able to continue playing in the same league for basketball as last year. At this point it is apparent that we have enough numbers to continue our Junior High Girls program for sure, which will be coached by parent Jon Kauffman. Junior girls practices will typically be held Monday's after school from 4 - 5:30PM with games being played on Wednesday nights typically, starting at 5 PM and being done at approximately 6 PM. Fees have yet to be determined. Practices will begin November 19 and will run Mondays and Wednesdays until our game schedule begins in early December. Practices are mandatory, and a commitment to regular attendance will insure solid growth as a team and that no one is left behind. Please contact Jon Kauffman if you have any questions at his cell [780-720-4878] or by email kauffman.jon@gmail.com.

There is also interest in both Junior and Senior High Boys' Basketball but confirmed players and someone willing to coach is required to make this a possibility. If you as a parent, or anyone you know, would be willing to coach Boys' Basketball, please contact Mr. Welde at 780 672 – 7197. Thank you!

#### **Canadian Food Grains Harvest**

This Friday is the Canadian Food Grains Bank Harvest day being held 1.5 miles North of Kingman on Range Road 195. Come and watch 10+ Combines harvest 160 ac of canola in very short order! If you have ever wanted to see harvest in action and maybe even have a combine ride, this is your chance! Proceeds of the crop harvested go towards ending world hunger. In 2017 the Canadian Food Grains Bank helped over 900,000 people in 35 developing countries. This is a very unique event to be a part of, so come and join us! Lunch will be at 11 AM, harvest will begin at approximately 12 PM and run for about 1 hour.

Jon Kauffman

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## **Technology update**

Our 32 new Chrome Books and cart are up and running! Secondary students have started using the Chrome Books for class assignments. Thank you, Society, for purchasing the Chrome Books. Students are asked to remember that using these devices is a privilege, and damages incurred will be charged to the student using the Chrome Book. Our goal is that students will demonstrate "digital citizenship" and responsible ways to use this technology.

#### **Teachers' Convention**

The CCA staff joined with other Association of Christian Schools International staff for a two-day convention in Calgary on October 18 and 19. The keynote presenter was Dr. Christopher Yuan, whose message of redemption in Christ is an inspiration for all who struggle with being "broken" and desire completeness. While Dr. Yuan dealt specifically with issues of relationship and sexuality, we were impressed with how he turned to the Word for discernment and guidance instead of following what "modern culture" suggested would bring him fulfillment and meaning. You can learn more about Dr. Yuan's journey at <a href="https://christopheryuan.com/">https://christopheryuan.com/</a>

## Librarians' Update

I have the privilege of spending Monday afternoons with the kids in grades 1-7. We spend the time reading books together and then looking for some to take home after that. I am really enjoying being able to spend time with these kids and look forward to reading many more books during the rest of the year.

Mrs. Jacqueline Kauffman

I have been working with the Grade Five, Six, and Seven classes learning about our library, and how it is organized. We are learning where the nonfiction books are kept, and where the fiction and easy fiction books are located. We have been exploring how to use the library for research, reading for enjoyment, and learning for fun. Our library – or our "Learning Resource Center" – can be a gateway to information.

I have been bringing in new magazines to grab the attention of our "non-reading" students. A few of the selections we have are "The Hockey News, "diesel power", "Motor Trend New SUV and Truck", "Outdoor life", Creation", "Truck Trend", "Canada's History", and "Western Game Warden." These magazines are just some of the ones I would like to see in our library; we will subscribe to the magazines that are used the most.

Mrs. Laurel Loewen

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