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**June 14, 2017**



## **Executive Meeting Update**

The executive board met on Monday, June 12. Highlights from the meeting are as follows:

- The posting for the new principal at Covenant is now closed. Interviews will take place on Thursday. Please continue to pray for God's guidance in this process.
- Summer maintenance projects were discussed. There will be significant work being completed in July and August to get ready for September.
- Marketplace funds have been used to purchase a curtain for the gym and new chairs for the auditorium.
- We would like to thank Cindy Feldbusch for her work with the LSCE, even as she continues in her positions with CCS. Thanks also to Kelly Hofstra and Laura Glesman for their work for the LSCE, we wish them the best in their new activities next fall.
- We have attached a letter regarding future expansion plans. Have a great summer!

## **Staffing Update**

To those staff who will not be with us next year, we are grateful for their faithful service at Covenant Christian School. We are also thankful to our Lord for providing the right individuals to serve here at CCS.

A heartfelt thank you to:

- Heather Luchak who will be on Maternity Leave.
- Kelsey Eichel who will be ministering at Ellerslie Road Baptist Church.
- Kristi Schultz who will be getting married in the Fall and living in the USA.

A special welcome to:

Laura Glesman, Joanne Gulley, Nicole Hennink, Heather Leddy, Caroline Clark & Diane Wever.

## **Family Picnic Lunch**

On Wednesday, June 28 we will hold our Annual Family Picnic (around 12:15) after the final Celebration. You may bring your own lunch or you may order a hot lunch (pizza). The lunch serves as our fundraiser for our Christian School support organization, The Prairie Centre for Christian Education and as such the order form includes a spot for you to make a specific donation to the great work PCCE does.

Two ordering options:

- 1) Preferred Method: Order online through our school hot lunch website ([www.covenantchristian.hotlunches.net](http://www.covenantchristian.hotlunches.net)). If you would like to order for parents, younger siblings etc, those items can be added to a student's order.
- 2) Order using the attached order form (1/student). Other family members attending can order additional lunch items on their child's form. Orders are due Wednesday, June 21. No late orders can be accepted.

Next meeting: TBA September 2017

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*Flourishing Learners. Delighting in God. Inspired to Serve.*  
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### **Bill 1 – School Fees**

The Alberta government recently passed Bill 1 regarding school fees. As Covenant is a school of choice, however, this Bill does not apply to the majority of our school and transportation fees. Our fees are set by the Leduc Society for Christian Education to cover costs associated with Christian programming (membership fees, staff education, etc.) and costs of owning our facility and running our own buses. Black Gold's response to Bill 1 is posted on their website ([www.blackgold.ca](http://www.blackgold.ca)), and Covenant's fees are explained at <http://ccs.blackgold.ca/parents/fees-payment/>.

### **School Dress Guidelines**

Summer weather has arrived and with that comes “summer clothing” and some challenges that go along with that. Our goal is modest dress for all students (K-9):

- Shorts & skirts: mid-thigh length is appropriate
- Shirts: long enough to cover the stomach, undergarments should be covered, tank tops and muscle shirts should be modest, no large arm holes.

Your assistance in monitoring clothing choices is appreciated.

### **Employment Opportunity**

As Mrs. Glesman will be teaching Kindergarten here at CCS in the fall, (while Mrs. Luchak is on maternity leave) we are in need of a new Preschool teacher. We thank Mrs. Glesman and congratulate her on her new role!

Covenant Christian Preschool is seeking a qualified preschool teacher with a minimum Childhood Development Worker Certification (formerly level 2) for our preschool program. Our preschool program runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from September to May. The successful candidate will demonstrate a commitment to Christian values and a desire to work with preschool children.

For further information, please contact Lisa Gatzke at the school office: 780-986-8353. Your letter of application, resume, current criminal record check and childrens' services intervention check may be submitted in person, by fax to 780-986-8360, or by email to [lisa.gatzke.lsce@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.gatzke.lsce@gmail.com). Salary will be negotiable dependent on qualifications and experience. Only applications received on or before June 23 at 3:30 pm will be considered.

### **School Supply Kits**

As in previous years, we are offering parents an opportunity to purchase all their child's school supplies by ordering a pre-packaged kit that comes with all the required supplies. This year we have decided to go with Staples for our school supply kits. If you are interested in using this service, you can find ordering details on our website as well as attached to this week's Chronicle. The deadline to place your order is July 11, 2017.

### **Black Gold Bus Information**

Black Gold transportation is implementing a new system to notify parents of bussing information for the 2017-2018 school year. You will be able to find your route information by signing in to the Bus Planner Web website

<https://busplannerweb.blackgold.ca/>

Attached is an information sheet with details on how to sign in etc.

Please note rural bus times may vary.

Bus passes will be mailed out to those students in grades K-6 while passes for students in grades 7-12 will be delivered to their school in September.

### **Library Materials**

Hard to believe this is the last week the students will check out materials from the Library for this school year! It has been a great year, and I have enjoyed watching the students get excited about a new series or author they have discovered.

It is my goal to have **all books returned no later than June 16**. (Please check around the house for any books that may have been forgotten about). Any outstanding books will be marked as lost and the fee will be added to your PowerSchool account.

I have really enjoyed this year with the students!!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [gloria.horvath@blackgold.ca](mailto:gloria.horvath@blackgold.ca) or call the school.

### **Grade 7 and 8 Parents**

On Friday, June 16, 2017, students in grade 7 & 8 will be providing snacks and refreshments for the grade 9 graduation. This is something the grade 7 and 8 classes do yearly in service to the grade 9 graduating class. The reception will take

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place in the church directly following the ceremony. The ceremony is at 7:30 pm in the Ebenezer church sanctuary and should be completed by 9:00 pm. If you are not planning to attend the ceremony, it is still requested that you provide your snack.

Please drop off your snack tray at school on June 16, 2017. Some food will be stored in our refrigerators.

Lisa Watts will be organizing the setup of the reception and the making of the punch. She could use assistance from other grade 7 and 8 parents. Please contact Lisa if you would be willing to help out with this.

A letter went home on Monday outlining the snack that each student is to provide. Please drop off your snack tray at school on Friday, June 16.

## Online Permission Forms

Black Gold is moving to online permission forms which includes all field trips starting in September and paper copies will no longer be available. You will access the forms through your PowerSchool account, fill them out online and then add them to your cart to submit them. Making this change will minimize lost paper forms and allow teachers/office staff and Black Gold to process permission forms more effectively. As always, any fees associated with field trips/events/sports teams etc. will be available to be paid online OR by cash or cheque at the school office. If you have any questions or do not have a current PowerSchool account set up, please contact the school office at 780-986-8353.

## This Week @ Covenant

- Grade 2 enjoyed a field trip to the Devonian Botanical Gardens on Thursday.
- Grade 1 students are participating in many activities for Heritage Days this week. They began the week with a field trip to the Reynolds Alberta Museum.
- The grade 3 students went on a field trip to visit two dairy farms yesterday.

## Grocery Cards

Stock up before summer!! We have Safeway/Sobeys (\$25, \$50, \$100) and Co-op (\$25, \$50, \$100, \$500) gift cards available in the office for sale.

## Grade 6 PAT Schedule

- June 19 – Language Arts Part B
- June 20 – Math
- June 22 – Social
- June 23 – Science

## Junior High Exam Schedule

### Grade 7 Exams

- June 22 – Language Arts Part A
- June 23 – Language Arts Part B
- June 26 – Science\*
- June 27 – Social
- June 28 – Math\*

### Grade 8 Exams

- June 22 – Language Arts Part A
- June 23 – Language Arts Part B
- June 26 – Math\*
- June 27 – Science\*
- June 28 – Social\*

### Grade 9 PATs

- June 22 – Exam Prep
- June 23 – Science\*
- June 26 – Social\*
- June 27 – Language Arts Part B\*
- June 28 – Math\*

\*=cumulative exam

Exams begin first thing in the morning, so please ensure that students arrive at school on time.

## **Calendar**

June	16	Grad 9 Graduation
	19	Talent Show @ 2:00 pm
	21	Track & Field Day Amazing Race Canada 150
	28	Last day of school School Picnic
	29-30	Teacher workdays

## **Bits & Pieces**

- During June, Celebration will be held on Thursday mornings.
- All girls in grades 4-6 are invited to come Thursdays for the next 2 weeks (until school ends) from 3:15 – 5:00 pm for drop in basketball practice.

## **Community News**

### ***Maker Fun Factory VBS***

We are created by God and built for a purpose! All children going into Kindergarten to Grade 6 are welcome to join us at Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church in Leduc, AB for a week of learning how much God loves us!

July 17-21, 9:30-12:00 am

Check out our website

[www.Ebenezercrc.com](http://www.Ebenezercrc.com) for more info!