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From The Chairman.....Mr. James Bareman

Another school year has drawn to a close, and once again the Lord's blessing, care, and provision for Cornerstone Christian have been abundantly evident. We give thanks to him! We are also thankful for faithfulness and diligence on the part of our principal, the teaching staff, and the many volunteers who contribute to making Cornerstone Christian School the excellent school that it is. Thank you all for your part in making this school year a successful one!

On Friday, June 14, the school community, along with friends and relations, could celebrate our seventh twelfth grade graduation. Congratulations once again to all of the grads! We wish them the Lord's blessing in the days ahead, and trust that they will look back with appreciation on the blessing of a solid Christian educational foundation received at Cornerstone Christian School.

Toward the end of the graduation ceremonies, we took the opportunity to publicly express appreciation to Mr. Otto Bouwman, our departing Principal and high school teacher, for his eleven years of faithful service in the critical leadership role at Cornerstone. Mr. Bouwman's influence on our school has been so pervasive that it's hard to imagine the school without him. He has played the leading role in taking the school from concept and dream to (mostly) smoothly operating reality. While the school certainly hasn't "arrived", so to speak, we can be very thankful that it is in a strong state. Thank you once again, Mr. Bouwman, and may the Lord richly provide for you and for Cornerstone in the future.

We also took the opportunity to bid farewell to Mr. Tom VanderHorst, our 5th and 6th grade teacher, who leaves us to take up a position at Credo Christian High School in Langley, BC. We wish him well in those familiar surroundings, albeit in a new role.

As board we continue to stand amazed at the Lord's provision in teachers to fill some of the teaching vacancies resulting from the departures mentioned above. We are thankful that Mr. Kleyn will be stepping into the principal's role, and look forward to Mr. Stephen Houweling and Mrs. Lynette Van Hofwegen joining the staff in the fall. Just recently we heard that Mr. Houweling's visa was approved by the US consulate in Perth, so it looks like we won't have visa worries on our minds this summer! We are also thankful to be in good shape due to many returning staff members, some of whom will be taking on extra duties next year.

The willingness of so many to commit financial resources to make up the proposed budget deficit for the next school year, in order to help keep tuition costs down, is also a matter for thanks. At the time this is being written, our fundraising drive is off to a good start, but we have not yet attained the goal. If you have not already done so, please consider prayerfully whether you are able to give to that cause. On a somewhat related note, the land purchase the Society has been pursuing has closed, and we are now the owners of the additional parcel of land to the south of the school property.

May the Lord grant refreshment and a safe and enjoyable time of summer vacation to staff, students, parents, and volunteers! May we also use these times of vacation to reflect on the wondrous works God has done as creator and redeemer. All praise and honor to him!



Short Reports of the Board.....

Short Report from meeting held on May 6, 2013

J. Bareman called the meeting to order, read from Psalm 14, and led in prayer. The minutes from the meeting of April 22nd, 2013 with principal were approved after one addition. Matters from the previous meeting minutes were reviewed by the board, and the status of items were noted. Incoming mail included a report from the Teachers College Board of Governors meeting, and an information document covering IRA accounts from Edward Jones. Both items were tabled for later discussion. The agenda for the first part of the meeting with the principal was adopted.

The board discussed items from the latest principal's report. The principal briefed the board on a proposal to add a new column on report cards for students' tardy arrivals. After discussion, the board agreed to implement the suggested change. A discussion was had regarding the current status of the teaching vacancy for Geography 9/10. The board decided to task the Education Committee to continue to explore options for filling this role. Other items on the principal's report were the photocopier and classroom allocation for 2013-14. In regards to the photocopier, it was noted that our current machine is having many problems. The board decided to task the IT Committee with finding a solution. The board reviewed the staff's proposal for classroom changes for the next year. After discussion, it was decided to move forward with the proposal, which includes moving the library to the mezzanine. It was also decided to inform the ARC Kindergarten board that their request for a room be granted.

B. Lodder informed the board that the Education Committee's next meeting had not yet occurred, and therefore there was nothing new to report, noting only that senior project reviews are currently underway.

T. Faber updated the board on CBM developments. He shared that the spring cleanup was a success and very well-attended. Other items of note were an update on a rooftop A/C unit for the attic server room, and the reviewing of gym rental rates.

The board briefly discussed the IT impacts of S. Houweling's Fine Arts initiative, including the possible purchase of new IT equipment.

J. Doornbos updated the board on the most recent school visit conducted by himself and J. Dykstra. Overall, the report was very positive, and J. Doornbos reflected on how much we have to be thankful for with Cornerstone.

The board reviewed Debby Lodder's report from the Teacher's College Board of Governors meeting. Noting D. Lodder's eventual desire to pass the baton to a new representative, the board discussed options for a replacement for her, and it was agreed that a call for a new rep would come in the next LINK.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for Monday June 3, 2013 at the school building, and O. Bouwman and D. Kleyn were thanked for their time and left the meeting.

The minutes from the meeting of April 8th without the principal were approved without changes, as were the minutes from April 22nd meeting. The minutes from the membership meeting with the school society of April 29th were reviewed and were approved after two changes were made.

Matters from the minutes of previous meetings were reviewed by the board, including reflections on the membership meeting, an update on the forthcoming retirement plan (tabled for later in the meeting), and use for the newly purchased land (tabled for the next meeting).

The proposed agenda was adopted after adding two HR items: professional development and staff health care costs; the board briefly had discussions on these two items.

Concerning financial matters, J. Doornbos updated the board on a few details concerning the upcoming open house for potential URC enrollees. The board also reviewed the current list of outstanding tuition dues, and some still-outstanding operating pledges from 2012-13. The board then reviewed the proposed number for the upcoming operating fundraising target, and agreed to start the process of asking for pledges before the next meeting. J. Doornbos updated the board on developments concerning the upcoming Golf Tournament, noting that the contact with corporations is under way and going well, and that the target for revenue is \$10k greater than last year.

T. Faber updated the board on some details of Cornerstone's new land.

Concerning health care options, J. Doornbos informed the board that he has formally solicited rates from different providers and plans, and is awaiting the results. Also shared was an update on the upcoming retirement plan offering.

J. Doornbos led in prayer and the meeting was closed.

Short Report from meeting held on June 3, 2013

The chairman J. Bareman called the meeting to order, read from Psalm 15, and led in prayer. The minutes from the meeting of May 6, 2013 with the principal were approved after making two changes. Minutes from a special meeting of the board, held May 24, 2013, to deal with a matter of student discipline, were approved without changes. Matters from the previous minutes were looked over by the board and noted as underway or finished.

As incoming mail, a letter was received from the Reformed Bible College outlining its offerings and availability for staff. The board agreed to file it as information, with the desire that the Principal keep it in mind as an option for Reformed professional development. A letter was received from a member concerning a matter from the spring membership meeting, as well as a letter from another member outlining a staff proposal. The last item of incoming mail was a signed contract from a staff member.

The agenda for the first part of the meeting with the principal was adopted after adding an item for review of the recently transpired URC Information Evening.

The board spent time on items from the latest principal's report that were relevant for discussion including a student discipline case, high school staffing for next year, and the workload of the new principal. Also raised was the matter of lending out band instruments to the membership. It was decided that at the discretion of the principal, instruments may be lent out so long as some type of tracking system is put in place to prohibit instrument damage or loss.

B. Lodder updated the board regarding the latest Ed Comm meeting. The committee has been reviewing the senior projects, and he noted the high quality of all the projects. O. Bouwman spoke on IOWA test findings, and explained some of CCS's results.

T. Faber updated the board on the latest CBM developments, including exterior painting, air conditioning for the attic, gym rental rates, and the library move happening on June 18.

T. Faber updated the board on IT Committee highlights, including a goal to install five desktop computers, obtaining quotes from TD Curran and CDW for iPad Minis (Fine Arts), the photocopier, the Nimbus cloud software, and the need for A/V projectors.

The board discussed several general matters including two letters from the membership, feedback from the recent meeting with URC families, and the pending changes in staff health care.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for Monday July 1, 2013 at the school building. It was also agreed to start scheduling regular Big Picture Meetings in the fall.

O. Bouwman and D. Kleyn were thanked for their time and left the meeting at 9:45 PM. Noting the significance of this meeting in that it was O. Bouwman's last, the board members expressed gratitude for his many years of service and dedication, and words of encouragement and thanks were shared.

The minutes of the board meeting of May 6, 2013 without the principal were approved without changes, and all matters from the previous meeting were reported as completed. The agenda for the remainder of the meeting was adopted.

The board discussed several financial matters, including the pledge drive for 2013-14's deficit reduction, a matter raised by a member regarding tuition, different options for health care, and the current status of tuition and dues. J. Bareman also informed the rest of the board that the purchase of the new property has closed, and that the payment schedule has been pushed back six months due to the delayed closing. T. Faber updated the board regarding property usage. In order to add the additional property to the school's tax free designation, the school would have to make use of the property for school-related purposes. It was noted that more research is needed before settling on what will be done with the property for now.

E. Brown led in prayer and the meeting was closed.

From the Treasurer.....Mr. John Doornbos

Summer break is here and summer itself is officially here. Staff, students, volunteers, committee members and even the board will have a reprieve of sorts while the school is shut down for the next ten weeks. It is well deserved for sure and we have much to be thankful for as we reflect back on the 2012/13 school year, especially financially.

The most notable item of the past school year was the decision by the board and membership to pursue purchase of the adjoining four acres of land. We are confident that this purchase, while financially significant today, will be something we look back on in future, as a very prudent move. We have positioned ourselves nicely regardless of when, and even if or how, we use this land. The acquisition process culminated recently (these past few weeks) when we made the first installment and received the signed documentation. The purchase will continue to impact the membership as we work to collect the pledges and make the next three payments over the following eighteen months. Many of us will be writing checks on hard earned money, money that has many competing suitors, as we honor our pledges long after the initial decisions were made. The board is very appreciative of how enthusiastically the school and church community embraced this decision, made their pledges, and wrote their checks. Thank you for your part in making this process so painless!

One implication of this purchase was that these pledged dollars eroded away some of the money that might have otherwise been pledged for the 2013/14 operating pledge drive. The board anticipated this and budgeted for less money from this operating pledge drive. We are still in the midst of making our calls for the operating pledges and, while we can see that money is tighter this year, we are still hopeful that we will receive enough pledges to cover the budgeted amount of \$65,000. So, if you have not yet made a pledge, please connect with a board member and do so --- remember that even a small amount makes a difference.

The board is still actively working through various health coverage options for and with the staff. As you might remember this was a significant expenditure for next year's budget. Changes in the law, due to the Affordable Care Act, are part of what is driving a change. More importantly, however, we as board have made a conscious and principled decision to make providing benefits, to our valued staff, a priority. Ensuring that our full-time staff does not have to worry about their medical coverage is an important 'peace-of-mind' which we want to provide them. Although we have not made a final determination of what this will look like, it appears as if we will be able to meet this goal. Either way, a change in benefits can be a hard thing for anyone to deal with, so we are very thankful for the good conversations that we could have with the staff as we search out a solution.

In May, all of you should have received a statement of accounts from the board. We intend to make this an annual practice in order to inform you of where you stand in regards to tuition, dues and pledges you've met. This method has proved of benefit already, as in some cases, members were unaware of missing payments or, accounting errors on our part were discovered and corrected. No major discrepancies were found through this exercise --- this is another testament to the great work done by our bookkeeper, Marcia Faber. Recording everything properly is quite a challenge when the income and expenses top \$600,000 and you only have a few hours a week to dedicate to it!

The Finance Committee continues to be active, although now most of our work is being done at the subcommittee level. The Golf Tournament is in the midst of collecting its corporate sponsors and getting everything organized for the event on September 21st. The Soccer Carnival committee has met and is working towards hosting our first ever event this fall. The Auction committee has also begun meeting and has made good progress towards its event planned for this winter. Once the new school year is in session, I'm confident that the various committees will begin sending out communications. Finally, the Ladies Aid representative on the Finance Committee reported some excellent success with some of its events. Not only were events like the Garage Sale and Plant Sale successful, they brought in considerably more revenue than past years. Excellent work Ladies! Although the Finance Committee only plays a 'supportive role' here we laud any efforts made that bring more outside money into the school thus reducing the burdens elsewhere.

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to use my column for an opportunity to thank Mr. Bouwman for all that he has done for our school also particularly pertaining to finances. I am confident that I can say not only for myself, but also for Treasurers gone by, that we have been blessed by how he administered the finances put into his trust. He was always very stewardly and judicious with the dollars he requested during budgeting, as well as when spending what was allocated. Although easily overlooked, this is also a critical part of how we've been able to meet and exceed our budget goals each year. Again, thank you Mr. Bouwman for all that you've done, in so many ways, to help keep the school running smoothly this past eleven years!

From The Ed Comm.....Mrs. Ranelle Faber

As a recent add-on to the committee, I must say that I'm thoroughly enjoying being back in touch with all things Cornerstone! (By now, all the teachers, volunteers and students are hopefully enjoying their well-deserved summer vacation. Teachers: I know how much you need that break! Thank-you for all the hard work you have done this past year. Your job is HUGE, so enjoy your time off before being back at it!) Anyway, being an Ed Comm member has been very enriching so far, but I must say the biggest perk has been attending monthly meetings. Haha. Just kidding. Don't get me wrong; I do enjoy the monthly meetings, but seriously, the biggest perk and highlight is getting to be a part of the audience for Senior Project presentations. Wow. This year I got to witness projects ranging from authoring a book to making a 3D printer. Fascinating stuff! All the students did such a great job, and it was neat to see their passion for the different projects they had chosen. Each student was able to shine in his or her own unique way, showing their unique talents put to good use. Portfolios, slide-shows, and finished projects were shared in a very impressive manner. Not knowing these students all that well, it was fun to get a feel for their different characters. And there was always the common question we had for them: How did doing this project help you show and develop your Christian world view? A somewhat complex question really. There were the standard answers: I used my talents; I learned to be patient and to persevere; I learned more about God's creation. All good answers. All part of developing and applying a Christian world view. But it got me, and the other committee members thinking: how do we incorporate our Christian worldview into everything we do and how do we teach students to express this? Can we really be expected to be able to answer that question when we're doing practical or mundane things, like doing dishes, or hammering nails, or writing, or painting, or changing oil? And how do we teach children and adolescents to think in a Christian way all the time? How do we teach them to answer the question "How did this project help you develop and apply your Christian worldview?" without having them 'tack it on' at the end of their presentation? Or even, how do we develop and practice this ourselves as adults? There was one student this year who gave a beautiful example of a genuine application of her Christian worldview. You see, she didn't just think of it in terms of her project, but also of her character. It wasn't just what she was doing, but also how she was doing it. Worrying about what others were going to think of her project made her realize that her pride was getting in the way of her using her talents to the glory of God. So the question you could ask yourself while working on a project is: "How is this helping me to be more Christ-like in my work for God?" A deep concept, but worth spending time thinking about. And worth praying about. Make all things know to God in prayer, and He will guard our hearts and minds. Grade 12 students: congratulations on graduating, and thank-you for sharing your projects with us! Made God bless and guide your steps as you live out your life in a Christ-like manner for His honor and glory.

From The CBM.....Mr. Tim Faber

As we come to the end of another school year, we can reflect on the wonderful blessings that we could receive through another successful year! Thanks to all who helped throughout the year with upkeep and maintenance of our school facility.

Over the next couple of months the CBM will be gearing up to work on a few projects around the school. As we face the reality of overcrowding in certain rooms we have been asked to transform the current library into a full time classroom. The bulk of this task will be to move the library books and shelves up to the mezzanine level in the gymnasium. We will also be cleaning carpets, and taking care of a few more maintenance items that we have been putting off until the summer break. In partnership with the IT committee we hope to install a new rooftop air conditioning system for the upstairs computer server room. We currently have a small wall mounted unit installed in the attic wall. Unfortunately, this unit is not sufficient to keep up with the cooling demand of this space.

Later this summer we hope to do some painting on the exterior of the building. The wood stained trim at the windows and the covered entry posts and beams are in need of re-coating. As we were looking further around the building, we noticed the exterior doors and siding could also use a fresh coat of paint. We hope to do this in late August or early September sometime. We hope to complete most of the painting tasks with volunteer labor, so please stay tuned for future work party notices.

Hope you all have a wonderful summer!

From Our Outgoing Principal.....Mr. Otto Bouwman

Yesterday I sent off an email to the board chairman, indicating that "we are still in recuperation mode after a rather overwhelming year end." Cornerstone community, there are times when I am at a loss for words, and Friday was a good example of that. Rest assured: Jeanette and I have been deeply moved by the many expressions of gratitude for the work that God enabled me to do here at Cornerstone. We are very grateful for the many expressions of gratitude from you, including the extremely generous gifts you gave to us. We look forward to enjoying these gifts in due time; thank you, very much. In the meantime, like the French say: "Partir, c'est mourir un peu."

Our Homes

Recently, someone encouraged me to read through some works published by Thomas Manton, who was a contemporary of Oliver Cromwell, and who made significant contributions to the Reformed faith in 17th century England. Fantastic material! He does an excellent job of pointing out the vital importance of the family unit. In his "Introduction to the Westminster Confession of Faith," he argues that *"A family is the seminary of Church and State; and if children be not well principled there, all miscarrieth: a fault in the first concoction is not mended in the second; if youth be bred ill in the family, they prove ill in Church and Commonwealth; there is the first making or marring, and the presage of their future lives to be thence taken."*

Since the family has such a critical role to play in both church and state, we do well to place a very high regard for the work that parents are to do in our families. Interestingly, it isn't just Christians who understand the centrality of family life. As Manton explains, even Satan understands the importance of the family: *"Now, the devil knoweth that this is a blow at the root, and a ready way to prevent the succession of Churches: if he can subvert families, other societies and communities will not long flourish and subsist with any power and vigor; for there is the stock from whence they are supplied both for the present and future."*

If indeed the family is the foundational building block of both church and state (and it is!!), then here in Lynden we need to do everything we possibly can to see to it that we fathers seriously fulfill our God-given responsibilities towards our children. We fathers also need to recognize the mothers: they are truly the unsung heroes who need our support and encouragement every step of the way. Education starts in the home, and needs to continue in the home. Please never expect a school – regardless how good it is – to fill in the holes created in a weak home. Parents, while enjoying the relationships God gives with your children, hold each of them to the high standard that God places on each of his covenant children. Expect and demand – while fully acknowledging that compliance is entirely God's grace – that your children profess and display love and respect for God as well as for their fellow man. As Manton wrote in another of his works: *"If, therefore, there be any spark in you of love to God, be not content that any of yours should be ignorant of him whom you so much admire, or any haters of him whom you so much love. If there be any compassion to the souls of them who are under your care, if any regard of your being found faithful in the day of Christ, if any respect to future generations, labour to sow these seeds of knowledge, which may grow up in after-times."*

May God help each of us to contribute positively to a godly atmosphere in our homes; it's in our homes that our children are primarily shaped.

Our Staff

Each day I read a brief blurb from John Maxwell. A recent submission included the following: *"A Chinese proverb states that 'behind an able man there are always other able men.' The truth is that teamwork is at the heart of great achievement. You cannot do anything of real value alone."* As the year wound to a close, I did a good bit of reflecting on the past year and years, contemplating the privilege I had to provide leadership at Cornerstone. What a privilege and pleasure it was to lead the school's staff. The staff has been a wonderful and close-knit team that worked effectively and efficiently together. Thank you – each of you – for the work that you did. Keep it up! As the apostle Paul said: "Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

In the months and years ahead, I look forward to witnessing continued support and encouragement to our staff by the rest of the community. I wish you all well. I'm happy to hand over the key of my office to my friend and colleague Darryn Kleyn; thank you for stepping up to the opportunity!

Our Volunteers and Supporters

At the senior graduation evening, I mentioned that one of the defining characteristics of Cornerstone is its volunteerism. Over 7000 hours of volunteer time annually has gone into the ongoing operation of the school. That's an astounding commitment. That commitment starts at the board level, filters down into the numerous committees, and is also in evidence in the many people that are more visible as volunteers in and around the school. To each of you: thank you for the work that you have done. It's been a great experience to have been able to work also with you, and I commend you for your efforts and meaningful contributions. Rest assured that your volunteering has contributed significantly to the success and character of the school. Please keep it up in the months and years ahead!

Yearbooks

Observant members in our community noticed quite a while ago that last year's yearbook never made it into their hands. I won't make any excuses; it just didn't happen. Sorry.

During this school year, we had one alumna (yes, that's spelled correctly: a female graduate) in particular who made a tremendous effort to see to it that the yearbook was properly completed. We owe a huge level of thanks to Janita Willis for seeing the previous yearbook through to completion. Thank you, Janita!!!!

If you have not received a copy of that yearbook, copies are available for the price of \$10 per copy from the school secretary. Contact her or me and make arrangements.

Unfortunately, no yearbook was produced this past year of this school year. Perhaps next year's will include material from two years!

Farewell

June 14 was a significant day for Cornerstone students. For some, it was – at last – the end of another school year. For others, it was their last day at Cornerstone – either because they graduated or because they are moving on. Farewell and congratulations to the graduates! May God bless you as you leave the secondary educational scene. To those students moving on from Cornerstone to another school: we wish also you and your family God's indispensable blessing.

Enjoy a restful and well-deserved summer break, everyone! May God bless each one of us as we travel our individual paths in life.

From Our Incoming Principal.....Mr. Darryn Kleyn

Dear Parents and Cornerstone Supporters,

It is with much thankfulness to our Father in Heaven that we can look back on another school year at Cornerstone. Sometimes, when sitting in a teacher's 'chair', the year seems to fly by in a whirl of activity. And especially when the 'curtain' falls on another twelfth grade graduation you wonder how the school year managed to fly by so fast. Yet, through our own personal experience, we are reminded time and again that our Lord is directing our lives even to the smallest details. There is nothing that escapes His attention and every occurrence and experience that we face does not "come to us by chance but by His fatherly hand" (LD 10).

This past year has come with change. Mr. Bouwman's plan to step away from his role as Principal has set in motion a transition in leadership. We've said farewell to Mr. Vanderhorst, a well-respected, enthusiastic colleague. New staff members in the person of Mrs. VanHofwegen and Mr. Houweling have been hired for next year and have shown real enthusiasm to join our team. Other course offerings have been considered and are in the process of being squared away for next year. Additional technology tools are being purchased to enhance our teaching for next year. We are thankful for the continued blessings that the Lord showers on CCS as we look forward to next year.

From a personal perspective, there has been a lot to consider and work through over the past months. I'm under no illusions; I have big shoes to fill in my new role as principal for next year. At the same time, I'm excited to take on this new challenge. The Lord has worked things in such a way that taking on this new role could become a reality. He has given the strength, confidence, and experience needed to take on a new challenge at CCS and to further His kingdom work in this place. Taking on this role is attractive due to the strong, ongoing community involvement and the excellent team-spirit at the staff level. Please pray that the Lord would give continued strength to staff, board and education committee during this time of transition and planning.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of the board. As I've begun attending board and interview committee meetings – I've received further insight into the amount of hours and effort our board members put in for the benefit of the school. I am thankful for their willingness to work with the feedback they have received from the staff and their ongoing willingness to make Cornerstone an attractive place to work.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Bouwman for his years of service and dedication to Cornerstone. He has done an amazing amount of leg-work over the past 10 years to setup the school. His foresight and vision have been instrumental in setting a strong foundation for the future. There is no doubt that he has left Cornerstone in very good shape. On behalf of the staff: thank-you, Otto, for your strong leadership, support, and guidance. We have appreciated the way you fostered a team environment and led by example. We wish you the Lord's indispensable blessing as you go forward, trusting that He will open doors for new opportunities to be of service in His Kingdom.

I wish you all a delightful summer break!

From the Ladies Aid.....Mrs. Sharon Veldman

Can you believe that summer is here already?! Amazing how time flies. We can look back over the last school and fund-raising year and really see that we have been blessed. The plant sale and garage sale are both history and they were both a great success. Thank you to all the ladies (and men) who put a lot of time and energy into these. When you arrive at one of these events you may not put much thought into how it all got there, but it is always the result of much commitment and juggling and planning!

We decided not to make strawberry rhubarb pies this year. But we are in charge of the Dairy Women's Booth again. Don't let the name fool you, men are most welcome to help as well. It is always fun to help for a good cause and you also get the bonus of getting into the fair for free and an ice cream treat after you are done. Get a group together and sign up! We are in need of one more helper on the committee, please let Lydia know if you are able to help.

Enjoy your summer.

Summer Scrip Special

CCS Scrip is excited to offer you some new incentives to use Scrip this Summer just in time for those backyard BBQ's, camping trips and Summer celebrations.

- 1) **Safeway** cards are now available for purchase. You will receive 3% on all Safeway cards purchased and they are available in \$100 gift cards.
- 2) We are also very excited to offer you **Food Pavilion** at 10% savings which would generate a 8% savings on tuition.
- 3) We have started a new **recycling program** through escrip that generates a high return on recycled ink cartridges, cameras, phones, cd's, dvd's and play station games. We ask that all cd's, dvd's and games be in their cases to receive rebate. These can be dropped off at Lydia's house during the summer. We will receive 50 cents for all cd's, \$2 for DVD's and \$3 for play station games. This is a great opportunity and we kindly ask for your help in collecting these items.

This special on gift cards will be available all summer for you but we kindly ask that you place your order with us @ ccsscrip@gmail.com by these dates so we know how much we need to order.

July 1, July 15, Aug 5, Aug 19

A reminder that special Lynden Chamber checks will also be available during the summer and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Please call Lydia 354-7568 or Helena 354-5668 if you have any questions or would like to order.

The Scrip Committee thanks you for your participation over the school year and looks forward to working with you during the Summer.

An Opportunity to Serve

After serving as our school society's official representative and member of the Canadian Reformed Teacher's College Board of Governors for a good number of years, Mrs. Debby Lodder has determined that she would like to be relieved of her duties this year. Thanks for doing a great job for the Teacher's College and for our school society, Debby!

The Board invites those who have a passion for the work of the Teacher's College, and who are interested in such a role, and are able to devote the necessary time it, to let us know of your interest via email to the Chairman, jbare62@gmail.com, or to the Vice Chairman, blodder@trivan.com. We will have this item on the agenda for our August meeting. If you want to know more about the role, your best source of information is probably to talk to Mrs. Lodder.

School Cleaning

The big summer school cleaning is set for Tuesday & Wednesday, August 6 & 7. Mark it on your calendars. Everyone is expected to do their part. If you can not make it on those dates, please let the cleaning lady know and she will make other arrangements with you. Thank you.

Yearbooks!

If you have not received a copy of the yearbook for 2011/2012, copies are available for the price of \$10 per copy from the school secretary. Contact her by email at admin@cornerstoneschool.us or Otto Bouwman to make arrangements.



*Please join us for our
opening assembly for the
2013/2014 school year on
Tuesday, August 27, 2013
at 8:15am in the ARC
Church building.*

School Calendar 2013-2014

Aug. 27 – First Day of School
Sept 2 – Labor Day
Oct 10– In Service Day
Oct 11 – Fall Break
Oct 14 – Columbus Day
 Nov 1 -High School 1st qtr reports
 Nov 4 & 5 – High School P/T Conferences
Nov 11 – Veteran’s Day
 Nov 27 – Elem Report Cards
Nov 28 – Thanksgiving Day
Nov 29 – Thanksgiving Break
 Dec 2, 4 – Elem P/T Conferences
Dec 3 – Jan 3 – Christmas Break
 Jan 6 – First day of school 2013
Jan 20 – Martin Luther King Day
 Jan 24 – High School 2nd qtr reports
 Jan 27 & 28– HS P/T Conferences
Jan 31 – Prof. Dev. Day
Feb 13 & 14 – Mid-winter Break
Feb 17 – President’s Day
 Mar 7 – Elem Report Cards
 Mar 10 & 12 – Elem P/T Conferences
 Mar 27 – High School 3rd qtr Reports
Mar 31- Apr 4 – Spring Break
Apr 18 – Good Friday
 May 2 – Public Speaking Contest
May 26 – Memorial Day
June 2 - Quad School Track Meet
 June 6 – Eighth Grade Graduation
 June 13 – Last Day of School /
 Senior Graduation

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Teaching Staff

Principal:	Otto Bouwman
Gr 1/2 Bible, Math, Science	Antina Chase
Gr 1/2 History, P.E. Gr. 3 LA	Jenny Tiemeyer
Gr 1/2 LA, Music, Art	Janet Faber
Grade 3-4:	Laetisia Kleyn
Grade 5-6:	Tom VanderHorst
Grade 7-8:	Darryn Kleyn
History	Debbie Johnson
Grade 9-12:	Otto Bouwman
	Wayne Chase
	Jack Marissen
Spanish	Darlene VanStaalduinen
Art	Debbie Faber