

# CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY



# BLUE SHEET

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**"Let us fix our eyes upon Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith... --  
Hebrews 12:2**

## **This Week's Name of God: Author and Perfector of Our Faith**

Our text this week reminds us of the importance of fixing our eyes upon Jesus all the time. Our text and our Name of God for the week remind us that even our faith is not from within an accomplishment of/by or ourselves ourselves, but that it comes from God himself. He put it there in the first place. Paul tells in Ephesians that we are saved by grace through our faith -- and that even our faith comes to us in the first place as a free gift from God. We are not in control at all, really, in any way, shape or form. Jesus Christ is the Author of Our Faith. He began it all for all of us!

Jesus Christ is also the Perfector, of our faith. Sometimes we think of our devotion to God as simply having faith that he is our Savior, and leaving it at that. But that is just the beginning. Our faith must be perfected. This is why Christian education is so very important. Once a child has faith, that faith is just the beginning -- God isn't through with him or her -- in fact, He has just begun to work in and on and through him or her. Indeed, God is never through with any of us in this life. Most especially, before they become adults, it is crucial that we teach our children in a Christian way and that we nurture their faith in God. God uses us as parents and as Christian educators to perfect a child's faith. Although only God can truly perfect our faith in the end -- He works through the adults in a child's life to do so. Please pray that we do so effectively!

Larry M. Van Otterloo  
Elementary Principal, CMCS

## **Another Giving Opportunity: Children of the Promise in Haiti**

We raised over \$1800, all told, for Bethany Christian Services! This is wonderful and we thank you for helping with this. Our Lord has now blessed with another opportunity to be a blessing to others! We will be collecting money and supplies toward the relief effort for and through the Children of the Promise organization, founded by CMCS parents and grandparents Bud and Jan Bonnema.

**All this week**, we will accept monetary donations and supplies for this effort. We hope to fill a large shipping container with supplies! Below is a list of items you can send to school with your students: **Baby soap, liquid soap and hand sanitizer, bars of Ivory soap, disposable diapers (sizes 1-3), snacks for kids (cereal, crackers, granola bars -- bulk is more important than brand), snacks for special needs kids (pudding cups, instant oatmeal, nutri-grain bars, etc), rice baby cereal, baby formula (Similac/Enfamil, Isomil/Pro-so-be, Lacto-free), Pediasure, blankets, fitted crib sheets, boys shorts (2-3) and t-shirts, sweatpants (12 month-3T), shoes (2-4 especially), pediatric colostomy supplies, Vaseline/bag balm, infant liquid vitamins, infant liquid iron drops, nystatin ointment, antibiotic ointment, cotrin (trimethoprim/sulphamethoxazole syrup for peds), cephalexin liquid for peds, mebendazole.**

**Remember -- whether you believe it or not, God has blessed our community tremendously. We are never blessed for our own benefit, but we are blessed to be a blessing!**

## **Spelling Bee January 28!**

Due to the snow day yesterday and the late start today, the Spelling Bee will be held **Thursday, January 28 at 2 p.m. in the HS gym**. Students who qualified for the finals as a result of their in-class competitions are: 5<sup>th</sup> graders Alena Bothof, Kennedy Brouwer, Aiyanna Klaphake, Mikey Pluimer, and Tanner Stoel. 6<sup>th</sup> graders Brianna Grannes, Jacob Groen, Quinn Peterson, Isaac Swierenga, and Noah Wubben. 7<sup>th</sup> graders Natalie Brouwer, Nicole Brouwer, Tara Watnaas, Tianna Zondervan, and Abby Zwart. 8<sup>th</sup> graders Ryan Brouwer, Tia Erickson, Taylor Meyer, Evan TeBrake, and Tyler Wieberdink.

## Hot Lunch – Always Served With Milk

Wed, Jan 27	Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, peas, brownie
Thurs, Jan 28	Pizza, lettuce, cinnamon roll, fruit
Fri, Jan 29	Hamburgers, French fries, fruit, creamy cluster
Mon, Feb 1	Pizza sticks, dipping sauce, lettuce, muffin

## Upcoming Pre-school and Kindergarteners Wanted

We are starting the process of looking for the names and addresses of upcoming pre-school age children as well as Kindergarteners. If you know of a child that will be 4 or 5, respectively, by September 1, 2010, please call or e-mail their name to us with a phone number or address (along with parents' names) so that we can send them information for the next school year.



### Elementary Birthdays

#### January

26	Micah Pollema	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade
27	Johnathon Garvick	1 <sup>st</sup> grade
27	Isabel Slagter	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade
27	Esther Grussing	4 <sup>th</sup> grade
28	Case Mulder	K
30	Mrs. Setrum	

#### July ½ birthdays

26	Aiden Lieber	4K
28	Arron Fischer	4K
28	Ashton Fischer	4K
31	Katelyn Graves	1 <sup>st</sup> grade

### JH/High School Birthdays

#### January

26	Matthew Meyer	8 <sup>th</sup> grade
26	Zach Meyer	8 <sup>th</sup> grade
26	Lacey Tebben	11 <sup>th</sup> grade

#### July ½ birthdays

29	Melanie Bulthuis	10 <sup>th</sup> grade
31	Kourtney TeBrake	7 <sup>th</sup> grade

### Upcoming Events (listing only home games)

Thurs, Jan 28	5-8 Spelling Bee 2 p.m.	Thurs, Feb 4	GBB vs. KMS
Fri, Jan 29	GBB vs. ECHO	Fri, Feb 5	BBB vs. KMS

## Boys and Girls Saturday Morning Basketball Practice

Just a reminder... there will be no elementary basketball practice this Saturday, Jan.30th due to the Bethany Volleyball tourney. Please contact Brad if you are willing to help out 967-4949 or [greenies@mvtvwireless.com](mailto:greenies@mvtvwireless.com).

## Fusionz Dance Camp

Please be advised of the following revised dates for dance camp practices and games: Practices will be held on Saturday, January 30, from 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, February 13, from 1-4 p.m. We will be performing on Thursday, February 18, and Friday, February 19. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Amanda Gerdes at 320-978-6047 or 320-894-7027 or Raya Knake at 320-905-1492.

## TRIP UPDATES

**Culver's** cards now carry a 10% rebate! We would like to encourage you to thank the manager of the Culver's in Willmar for their support of our program.

**Shell** increased from 1.5% to 2.5%. The denominations remain the same at \$25, \$50 and \$100.

**Best Buy** is offering a 1% bonus contribution from Saturday, January 9, 2010, through Friday, January 29, 2010. That means Best Buy's \$25, \$100 and \$250 gift cards will have a 4% contribution instead of the normal 3% contribution, during that time period only.

Beginning Saturday, January 16, 2010, through Friday, April 2, 2010, all **Exxon/Mobil** gift cards and reloads will have a 2.5% non-profit bonus contribution. That means, during this time period, the \$50 gift card and card reload contribution will increase from 1.5% to 2.5%, and the \$250 gift card contribution will increase from 2% to 2.5%.

**Dominos Pizza** increased from 5% to 8%.

Check [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) or [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) to find out about the many bonuses being offered right now!



## Saturday Parent Schedule

The Saturday parent's schedule is also on the school's website

1/30/10

Daryl and Kay Hillers  
Scott and Lexi Wubben  
Nolan and Rhonda Slagter

2/6/10

Dohn and Becky Hoekstra  
Scott and Sara Hankel  
David and Andrea Daugherty

2/13/10

Ron and Rae Jean Bulthuis  
Gary and Jane Wubben  
Craig and Kelli Blom

2/20/10

Eric and Sarah Van Dyken  
Neil and Becky Graves  
Jay and Kris TeBrake

## Concession Stand Schedule

**GBB**

1/29/10 5:30

Dave and Jolene Ruschen  
Niki Bothof  
Sarah Hankel

2/4/10 5:30

Kirk and Christina Vander Pol  
Amy Bonnema  
Kay Hillers



**BBB**

2/5/10 5:30

Joel and Jina Ruschen  
Jon and Lori Braem

2/16/10 5:30

Wade and Rachel Damhof  
Tom and Kelly Beekman

2/19/10 5:30

Steve and Jill Blom  
Mike Witt  
Justin Nett

## Requested Announcements

Alto Saxophone – Bunde II by Selmar in its case. Appraised by Whitney Music. In good condition but needs some new pads. Would make a good starter instrument. Asking \$250. Call 320 220-4068.



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