

CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY



BLUE SHEET

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**Revelations 15:3b -- "Great and marvelous are your deeds,
Lord God Almighty."**

This Week's Name of God: "Lord Almighty"

This week's name is huge in relation to what we do. Lord God Almighty. The first word, "Lord," means that He is our leader, our master. We are to serve Him in everything we do. Thus, our mission statement: **"It is the mission of CMCS to provide for a Christ-centered, quality education to equip students for a life of service."** Because He is our Lord, we center all that we do around Him. We serve Him, and we train our children to serve Him."

The second word, "God", would seem to be self-explanatory. Consider this, however: Whenever we, in our tradition, write the word in relation to Yahweh, the one true God, we capitalize it. This is important because when we do so, we acknowledge Him as the One True God. He's not just any "god" – of which there are so many in human cultures on earth – He's the only true God. In recent years, especially, New Age thinking has crept into Christian circles to the point where supposedly Christian evangelists have made statements like, "We all have gods inside us, we just have to find them!" No – we have only one God. He is our God!

The third word, Almighty, has both a comforting and a challenging side to it – especially in our Christian school. Almighty – as in "All Mighty." He is mightier than anything or anybody else. He is in control of everything. He created everything, He sustains everything, He sees everything, He knows everything, He is all-powerful over everything. Not a sparrow falls from the tree or a hair from our head without Him knowing about it and letting it happen. We cannot think a thought without Him knowing it!! God is sovereign. We cannot do anything on our own, but if we have faith in Him, He will guide our efforts and bless them, and achieve His will. It is a challenge also. Because we are sinful creatures, we must strive all the harder to do His good will – and never shirk from doing so, because He knows and sees everything we do – or don't do!

May we always strive, pray, work, cooperate, concentrate, and do all that we can to serve our God Almighty!

Larry M. Van Otterloo
Elementary Principal, CMCS

Concerned? Please Talk To The Teacher(s) – And Please Don't Wait For P-T Conferences!

If you have a concern about your student(s), you certainly do not need to wait for the scheduled conferences. Our teachers are always open to listen and if possible, to address your concerns. Also, as always, no matter how frustrated you may be at a given moment, please follow the spirit of Matthew 18 and speak directly to the teacher(s) involved. When you do call or speak to a teacher, please pray first, and then take a moment to put yourself in their shoes. Then consider carefully: What can you say or ask and how can you phrase it to end up achieving the most positive results? We all want what is best for our students. Think win-win all the way around. Win-lose actually means we all lose. If you have not found satisfaction after doing speaking to the teacher, then please speak with the appropriate building administrator and we will mediate. Finally, please understand, and I speak from over 23 years of experience as an educator, over 18 years of experience as an administrator, and over 14 years of experience as a school parent myself: **nothing good comes from speaking to other parents about your student(s)' problems with a teacher instead of speaking with the teacher.** Always go to the source: the teacher. It's God's way, it's our way, and it's what actually works! May God bless our working relationships!

On-Line Grading: Please Be Patient With Us!

At most grade levels, things are up and running. At some, things are not. There are some technical issues with JMC, the company that is providing the services. **Our teachers are cooperating fully and working with administration and with JMC. Please be patient as we make this transition and get everything going! Thanks!**

COACHES NEEDED

CMCS is looking for a Junior High Knowledge Bowl coach for the 2009-2010 school year. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Van Der Puy. For details on what is involved as a coach, call Sarah Van Dyken. She will fill you in on what coaching entails. We are also looking for coaches for 7th girls and 8th girls basketball. Call Daryl VanderWell for details.

Elementary Fundraiser Nearly Finished!

Students in grades 4-6 have begun selling Christian cards and gifts in our annual sale. Our goal is \$15,000 in overall sales. Please encourage -- and help -- our 4-6 graders in this effort. We use the funds raised in the annual sales to pay for field trips, equipment, computers, computer software and all kinds of things. This allows us to have some "extras," like our field trips, but also takes some pressure off the school's general fund by -- hopefully -- bringing in some money from sources other than our tuition-paying parents! We appreciate your prayers for these efforts also! **All sales are to be turned in by this Friday, October 16.**



Hot Lunch – Always Served With Milk

Tues, Oct 13	Salisbury steak, au gratin potatoes, green beans, Butterfinger bar
Wed, Oct 14	Chicken nuggets, seasoned criss cuts, cooked carrots
Thurs, Oct 15	Sandwich, potato wedges, fruit, pickle spear
Fri, Oct 16	Mr. Rib, smiles, fruit, creamy cluster
Mon, Oct 19	Hotdish choice, applesauce, raw veggies/ dip, dinner roll

Paper Towel Rolls Needed

Please save your paper towel rolls and send them to school. Mrs. Eilts, the music teacher, will be using them to make a storage unit for the recorders. Thanks for your help!



Elementary Birthdays

October

16	Aydan Ledeboer-Martinez	4K
17	Austin Marcus	5 th grade
19	Carter Henry	3 rd grade

JH/HS Birthdays

October

17	Nick Kleinhuizen	9 th grade
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Upcoming Events (listing only home games)

Mon, Oct 12	Soc-sections	Fri, Oct 16	Card Sales Due
Tues, Oct 13	VB vs. Dawson-Boyd	Mon, Oct 19	VB Camden Conf.
	JH soc. vs. CCS		
Wed, Oct. 14	Testing Day Gr 9-11		
Thurs, Oct 15	Soc-sections		

Desserts Needed

The New 2 You Thrift Store committee is looking for parents who would be willing to provide a 9x13 pan of dessert for the volunteer appreciation banquet. The banquet is scheduled for **Thursday, November 19** at the CMCS high school gym. Desserts should be to school by 5:30 p.m. If you would be willing to help us out in this way please call Sandy Wubben 978-8238 or Karen Marcus 978-8401. Thank you!

TRIP UPDATES

TRIP Update:

\$25 BP Petroleum certificates are no longer available. You can still order \$50 (2%), \$100 (2%), and \$250 (3%) certificates.

Applebee's 2% Bonus Offer Extended

The 2% bonus contribution on Applebee's Gift Cards has been extended. The cards will have a 10% contribution, instead of the normal 8% contribution, **through Thursday, December 31, 2009.**

Cabela's 1% Bonus Offer

Cabela's® and Great Lakes Scrip Center are pleased to offer a 1% bonus contribution from Saturday, October 17, 2009 through Friday, January 1, 2010. That means Cabela's gift cards will have a 12% contribution instead of the normal 11% contribution, during that time period only.

JCPenney 1% Bonus Offer

JCPenney® and Great Lakes Scrip Center will be offering a 1% bonus effective Saturday, October 17, 2009, through Friday, November 20, 2009. That means JCPenney \$25 and \$100 gift cards will have an 6% contribution instead of the normal 5%, during that period only

For more information, contact Liz Ammermann at tripcmcs@yahoo.com or (612) 360-3942.



Concession Stand Workers Schedule

Volleyball home games

10/13/09

Kevin and Roxie Covert
Gene and Laura Streich



Saturday Parent Schedule

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

10/17/09

Brice and Sara Bakker
Cory and Amy Bonnema
Diane Fernholz

10/24/09

Tom and Linda Mikelson
Joel and Aimee TeBrake
Ronn and Darlene Duininck

10/31/09

Ben and Wendy Dehmlow
Merri-Sue Swart

11/7/09

Justine Meyer-Hillers
Bryan and Sue DeGroot
Pete and Brenda Van Der Puy

Requested Announcements

Community Crop/Hobby Day: Friday, October 24 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. at the Prinsburg Fire Hall. Cost will be \$8.00 per person for the rent of the facility. Contact Melissa Ver Steeg at 978-6097 to reserve a spot or for any questions.

Williams Apple Orchard: We are open daily. Self serve in the barn. Please stop by anytime or call 320-212-4687. We have 6 varieties of apples and will give volume discounts. Thanks!

Barn Dance! We will be having our annual barn dance Oct. 31st at 7:00 pm. All adults and kids welcome. Please bring a dish or snack to share. Beverages provided. Good clean family fun!