

CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY



BLUE SHEET

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Theme Text of the Week: I John 2:1 – "My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One"

Name of the Week: Advocate

I remember an advocate in my life. I had the oldest and most conservative parents of any kid in my class in school, because I was the youngest kid in our family by a ways. My parents had been very strict with my older brother and sisters. They were less strict with me than with them, but their rules for me were far stricter than were the rules any of my classmates had to live under. This wasn't all bad, as these rules protected me to a degree. These rules did, however, hamper my social development in some ways. I just didn't have many opportunities to interact with my peers. When I was a freshman in high school, one of my older sisters approached my parents and convinced them to loosen up on me just a bit. I was soon allowed to join my friends at the bowling alley after catechism class on Thursday night, although I still had to be home by 9 p.m. I still had stricter parents than my peers, but the rules became a little less constraining. I tried to be less of a bratty little brother after that.

My sister was as an advocate for me, but no advocate on this earth compares to Jesus Christ as our Advocate. His advocacy means for us the difference between eternal perdition and eternal paradise. His advocacy means for us the difference between a miserable, meaningless life of mere survival on this earth and a happy, meaningful life of service to Him on this earth. His advocacy makes it possible for us to exist and thrive as a Christian school. We are able to work toward fulfilling our mission because Jesus Christ has enabled us to do so through His work on our part. He is our advocate.

We need, as a school, as educators, as parents, as grandparents, to pray for Jesus Christ's continuous advocacy for our school, for ourselves, for our children! Remember to pray to our Advocate. Remember to serve Him out of gratitude. Remember to teach our children about our Advocate. Teach them how to pray to Him. Teach them how to serve Him out of gratitude. May Christ continue to advocate for us to our Father, and may we strive to do His will in all things!

In 3 weeks, we have Parent-Teacher Conferences. At the conferences (and before and after) you might act as an advocate for your children. At home, we need to you act as an advocate for our teachers! It's one of the ways that we are to imitate our Lord and Savior!

By the way, a few years ago, I finally thanked my sister. She didn't even remember the whole thing! I'm still working on being less of a bratty little brother!

Larry M. Van Otterloo
Elementary Principal, CMCS

**Remember: If You're Concerned? Please Talk To The Teacher(s)
– And Please Don't Wait For P-T Conferences!**

Elementary Card/Gift Sales Extended!

Due to the large amount of illness we've had among our students, we have extended the deadline for grade 4-6 card/gift sales to this **Wednesday, October 21**. Sales must be turned in that morning!

Hot Lunch – Always Served With Milk

Tues, Oct 20	Mr. Rib, smiles, fruit, creamy cluster
Wed, Oct 21	Turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, mini bagel
Thurs, Oct 22	Tacos, corn, lettuce, banana muffin
Fri, Oct 23	Hot dogs, baked beans, fruit, Charlie Brown Pie
Mon, Oct 26	Burrito, lettuce, fruit, pretzels



Elementary Birthdays

October

19	Carter Henry	3 rd grade
20	Elizabeth Bakker	K
25	Micah Vander Beek	4 th grade

JH/HS Birthdays

October

20	Samantha Osborne	10 th grade
24	Lisa Post	10 th grade
25	Whitney Brouwer	12 th grade
25	Shara Leininger	12 th grade

Upcoming Events (listing only home games)

Mon, Oct 19	VB Camden Conf.
Wed, Oct 21	Card Sales Due
Fri, Oct 23	End of 1 st Qtr.

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

A friendly reminder that TRIP orders must be in the school office by Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All orders that arrive after that time can be held and placed the following week.

A few families have placed their TRIP orders on-line through www.shopwithscrip.com and it has been going well. We would like to encourage those enrolled to try it out - it is quick, easy, convenient, and helps eliminate order errors! If you have any questions about placing an order on-line or would like to enroll in TRIP, please contact Liz Ammermann at 612-360-3942 or tripcmcs@yahoo.com

Cargo Van Shelving and Ladder Rack Available:

CMCS has a complete set-up of metal shelving for a cargo van available for purchase. Also available is a ladder rack system from the cargo van. Stop by the high school office to inquire.



Saturday Parent Schedule

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

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

11/14/09

Unity CRC Group

Requested Announcements

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!

Camp GK Bear: The Rice Grief Center of Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar is having their annual GK Bear Camp in Willmar at St. Mary's Catholic Church from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturday, November 7. This is a program designed for children in grades K-6 who have had a significant person in their life die. There is no cost, but each child needs to bring a lunch for him/herself. Snacks and beverages will be provided. To pre-register, or for more information, please call The Grief Center at (320) 231-4714 or Rice Hospice at (800) 336-7423.

Linda Mikelson has six-week-old cats to give away. Litter box trained. Call 320 235-7964.

Wanted: Your Talent for the Harvest Festival

Do you have **Time, Talent, or Treasures** that you would be willing to donate to this year's Harvest Festival auction? If you have been thinking about donating something for the last few years, but haven't done it, now is your chance! We would love to hear from you soon because the big day is approaching quickly! Contact Traci Grussing at 320-235-2185 or Natalie Vander Beek at 320-978-6413. Listed below are a few suggestions, but other ideas are welcome.

*Homemade cookies, pies, or cinnamon rolls each month for a year
*Family day on the water
*Guided Trips: fishing, hunting, horse trail riding
*Home-cooked dinner
*House cleaning, yard work, or window washing
*Hunting land use or fish house use
*Use of a motor home, cabin, or boat

*Used Car, boat or camper
*Babysitting or dogsitting
*Piano serenade for a live event
*Organize someones space (ex. 2 hour consultation for 1 room)
*Back hoe or skid loader work
*Massage
*Interior decorating
*Piano, guitar or other private lessons
*Scrap booking lessons

Auction

You won't want to miss this year's auction. We will have some great items available on the silent auction beginning at 4:30 pm. Be sure to check it out! The live auction will begin at 6:00 pm. We are excited about some of the great items that have been donated. We are thankful to all who have already donated items and services for the auction. If you would still like to donate something call Natalie Vander Beek at 320-978-6413 or Traci Grussing at 320-235-2185.

Food and Fellowship

Come join us for food and fellowship in the high school cafeteria. We will be serving a complete old-fashioned ham dinner with all the trimmings. Save room for some pie! A free-will donation is asked for the meal. Serving begins at 4:30 pm.

Snack Shack

If, while at the Harvest Festival, your stomach starts to growl, we'll have just the food to tame it at the Snack Shack. Come and join us for a snack or a light meal. We will be serving pizza, pop, hot dogs, nachos and cheese, and the ever popular apples with caramel, and of course, apple dumplings!