

CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY



BLUE SHEET

December 14, 2009

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Texts of the Week:

Isaiah 7:14: "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."

Matthew 1:23 -- "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means, 'God with us.'"

Name of the Week: "Immanuel" ("God With Us")

Did you know that there are over 300 prophecies about Jesus Christ that can be found in the Old Testament – including 60 obvious major ones? This is because the whole Old Testament points toward the New Testament. The two texts above point this out. This week's name, "Immanuel" means "God With Us." It points to Christ becoming a flesh-and-blood human. Christ had always been humanity, of course, as part of the Triune God. That's what Christmas is a celebration of, of course – Jesus Christ, a person of the Trinity – Son of God Almighty becoming a human being and dwelling among us. Ultimately, He did this so that He could die as a human, and thus pay for our sins; and also so that He could rise from the dead and thus conquer death for us. God coming to dwell among us is what Christmas is all about. It's not about Santa. It's not about decorations. Or presents. Or parties. Or cheese logs. Don't get me wrong – I like decorations and presents and parties and cheese logs and lots of other stuff. We need to remember, however, that those are peripheral things – or at least they should be. One can debate whether Santa should even be a part of Christmas at all (I think not, but it's not worth arguing about). Much of the other stuff, however, is fine – kept in the proper place. Immanuel – Jesus Christ, God With Us, needs to be the center of all things at all times. Our children need to know that. Our children need to live that! We need to teach them and model for them in these things. At CMCS, we have a Christmas tree. We have Christmas parties. We have lots of fun stuff at this time of year. Sometimes we even have a cheese log in the teacher's room! At the same time, we strive to make sure that none of that overshadows Christ, but rather that Christ is the center, and reason for it all. God is with us! Are you with us on that?

Larry M. Van Otterloo
Elementary Principal, CMCS

Parents' Club Meeting!

The Parents' Club will be holding it's fall meeting **tomorrow, December 15th**, between the JV and Varsity boys basketball game in the high school music room. A vote will be taken on the Harvest Festival proceeds. Final numbers and the ballot are published on the last page of this Blue Sheet. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

Please note: the calendar of school events in the back of the 2009-2010 Parent-School Directory is inaccurate in regard to some of early April. Below are some correct dates for events:

Thurs-Mon April 1-5 Spring Break
Tues-Thurs April 6-8 HS Wildlife Trip
(The rest are OK!)

Thurs April 8 K-4 Spring Program
Fri April 9 K-6 Grandparents Day Program

CMCS CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES ORDER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP ON TUESDAY BY NOON AT THE HS OFFICE. ALL ITEMS MUST BE PAID FOR BEFORE BEING PICKED UP.

Please make sure that your student(s) have appropriate outdoor clothing for this time of year -- winter coats, hats, gloves, boots, snow pants, etc. We will be outside for recess unless the wind-chill is below zero. Students may not leave sidewalks when there is snow on the ground unless they have boots and snow pants.

Thanks!

Please fill the baby bottles (as often as you like!) with coins (bills are good too!) and send them back to school. Also, 1/2 of the offering at the K-4 program will go to Bethany. For more info on Bethany go to www.bethany.org

Baby Food Jars and Shoe Boxes Needed for art projects!



Elementary Birthdays

December

18 Allie Zwart 3rd grade

June ½ birthdays

01 Cameron Van Der Puy 3rd grade
 02 Ryan Greenwaldt 6th grade
 04 Derrick Beerman K
 04 Grant Erickson 2nd grade
 10 Jonathan Bloomquist 2nd grade
 18 Mrs. Bonnema

JH/High School Birthdays

December

14 Dana Hillers 10th grade
 15 Justin Van Eps 10th grade
 16 Jeffery Negan 11th grade
 16 Kendra TeBrake 9th grade
 20 Jodi Van Otterloo 10th grade

June ½ birthdays

04 Nikole Witt 12
 06 Stephan Steich 9
 08 Zach Henning 11
 12 Dori Hillers 8
 13 Gabin Williams 12
 13 Gabriel Williams 12
 11 Shayla Beekman 11
 16 Corteney Witt 8
 18 David Vanderhooft 11

Hot Lunch – Always Served With Milk

Tues, Dec 15 Mr. Rib, seasoned criss-cuts, fruit, Butterfinger bar
 Wed, Dec 16 Chili, cinnamon tastry, peaches, crackers, Go-gurt
 Thurs, Dec 17 Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, dinner roll, ice cream treat
 Fri, Dec 18 Hamburgers, French fries, fruit, creamy cluster
 Mon, Dec 21 Chicken nuggets (EL), Mexican Haystacks (HS), corn, lettuce (HS) fruit, churro (EL)

Upcoming Events (listing only home games)

Tues, Dec 15	BBB vs. MACCRAY Pep Band plays Dance Team fundraiser (pizza) 5:30-7:30	Fri, Dec 18	K-4 Christmas concert 7:00
		Mon, Dec 21	GBB vs. Dawson-Boyd
		Tues, Dec 22	2:00 Geography Bee 5-8
		Wed, Dec 23	Dismiss at 2:00
Thurs, Dec 17	JHBBB vs. MACCRAY 4:45		

TRIP UPDATES

Check www.glscrip.com or www.shopwithscrip.com to find out about the many bonuses being offered right now!

Christmas Break is approaching quickly. Please have your TRIP orders to the school office by 9:00 a.m. on the following days:

Please take note of the following corrections.

TRIP orders will be placed on the following days:

Tuesday, December 8

Tuesday, December 15

Tuesday, January 5

We will **not** be placing an order on December 21st!

Music Notes

A notice for the **K-4 Christmas Program: Friday, December 18 at 7 p.m.** This year the students will be performing *The Christmas Family Tree*, which has an outdoor setting. Please wear red, green, or white tops. Jeans are allowed. Scarves and gloves would be appreciated to go with the theme.

The Christmas Family Tree - written by Kathie Hill

What's happening next door to Adam Adams? His new neighbors, the Christmases, are celebrating the holiday season with their annual family tree-trimming party. When he is invited to join the festivities, Adam is introduced not only to the members of That Christmas family, but also to key members of the Original Christmas family. Through this Christmas family tree, Adam learns of Rahab's bravery, Ruth's loyalty, David's repentance, Josiah's wisdom, and Mary and Joseph's obedience. But, most important, Adam learns that he, too, can be adopted into the Christmas family of faith.



Saturday Parent Schedule

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

12/19/09

Jon and Lori Braem
Brad and Darla Ryks
Jason and Lisa Jarveis

1/2/10

Ron and Rachel Walz
Jason and Kim Brouwer
Justin and Heather Nett

12/26/09

Closed

1/9/10

Randy and Christy Groen
Jason and Stacy Schwitters
Jeff and Angie Brouwer

Concession Stand Schedule

GBB

12/21/09 5:50

Wes Wieberdink
Lenny and Michelle Schwitters
Mike Groen

BBB

12/15/09 5:30

Clyde and Tammy Slagter
Wendy Dehmlow
Ron Walz

1/15/10 5:30

Jeff and Tammy Vanderhooft
Mark and Sandy Hisken

1/5/10 5:30

Mike Witt
Justin Nett
Jason Jarveis
Justine Meyer-Hillers

The CMCS Parents Club will meet briefly in the high school music room between the JV and Varsity boy's basketball game vs. MACCRAY on Tuesday, December 15. We will discuss the proceeds from the 2009 Harvest Festival. We will vote on the following requests:

Science Camp	\$3,200.00
Wildlife Trip	\$3,200.00
Bus	\$5,000.00
Promotional Materials	\$2,500.00
Refrigerator	\$1,395.00
White Board	\$ 458.00
Set of Chimes	\$2,464.00
Track Equipment	\$1,317.00
Art Boards	\$1,090.00
Baseball Fencing	\$5,000.00**
Recycle bins, Janitor sign, Fertilizer spreader	\$ 262.09
Boys Basketball Uniforms	\$1,212.00
Volleyball Nets	\$ 995.00
Soccer Uniforms	\$2,295.80
Outside Storage Options	\$4,000.00
 Total	 \$34,388.89

Yes

No

**This money is contingent on the City of Prinsburg also agreeing to help fund the suggested improvements to the baseball field.