

CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY

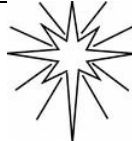


BLUE SHEET

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Text of the Week: Revelations 22:16 -- I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the Bright Morning Star."



Name of the Week: "Bright Morning Star"

What is "the Morning Star?" In our modern time of light pollution and of general increasing removal from the original state of God's creation, most of us have forgotten. For thousands of years, the morning star was the brightest star a person saw in the sky just before daylight. Today we know that this "bright morning star," is actually not a star at all, but is the planet Venus as it appears before sunrise in the western sky. Why would Jesus refer to himself as "The Bright Morning Star?" The wise men used a star as a point of reference. They were trying to find a certain place and a certain person. For those same thousands of years mariners and travelers used the stars as a guide; as points of reference -- the Morning Star (Venus) was one of them. Jesus wanted us to understand that He is our point of reference. Do we need help in knowing what to do? What direction to take? What decision to make? Just as the wise men followed a star, just as that bright morning star pointed travelers the way west, Jesus is our point of reference. He is The Point of Reference. There are lots of other meanings behind this name that Jesus gave Himself, but this one fits this season. Is Jesus your point of reference during the "Holiday Season," as our culture has come to call this time of year? Is He, to use the unfortunately-trite-but-still-relevant expression your "Reason for the Season?" It is so easy in this age to get lost in the clutter of activity during this time of year. Look for Jesus -- the Bright Morning Star -- to guide you through it the right way!

Larry M. Van Otterloo
Elementary Principal, CMCS

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!

Parents' Club Meeting!

The Parents' Club will be holding it's fall meeting on **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.

Baby Food Jars and Shoe Boxes Needed for art projects!

On Friday, your students brought home baby bottles for our giving project for Bethany Christian Services. Please fill these (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



Elementary Birthdays

December

12 George Schlegel 3rd grade

JH/High School Birthdays

December

10 Kaitlin Goblisch 11th grade

14 Dana Hillers 10th grade

Hot Lunch – Always Served With Milk

Tues, Dec 8 Scalloped potatoes and ham, corn, banana bread
Wed, Dec 9 Waffle sticks, sausage, hash browns, oranges
Thurs, Dec 10 Soup, sandwich, fruit, juice, crackers, cheese stick (EL)
Fri, Dec 11 Corn dog, smiles, grapes, pretzels (HS), Gushers (EL) 2nd grade menu
Mon, Dec 14 Spaghetti, pears, lettuce, bread stick

Upcoming Events (listing only home games)

Mon, Dec 7 HS Christmas Concert 7 Sat, Dec 12 JHBBB Tournament
Tues, Dec 8 GBB vs. MACCRAY
Fri, Dec 11 5th – 8th Christmas Concert 7

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!

Bonuses:

Sears – 6%

Kmart - 6%

Starbucks Coffee – 2% until Dec 25

Barnes & Noble – 2% until Dec 11

L.L.Bean – 2% until Dec 11

Home Depot – 2% until Dec 18

iTunes – 3% until Dec 11

Please have your grade 4K-6 bring one decoration per student for the school Christmas tree in the lunchroom. Please put the student's name on each decoration, so we can make sure they get it back! Let's make the tree really full and beautiful this year!

Thanks!

Music Notes

Just a note from Mrs. Eilts to remind you that the 5th-8th grade Christmas Concert will be held on Friday, December 11 at 7 p.m. The students are required to wear black/ white. No jeans.

Also, an advanced 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.

Boys and Girls Saturday Morning Basketball Practice

We will be having elementary basketball practice Saturday mornings this winter for grades 4-6 at CMCS. This will begin on Jan 16th and we hope to go until March 13th, if we can get other parents to help coach. Girls will be from 8:30- 10:00. Boys will be from 10:00-11:30. **This is open to all kids grades 4-6**, as we will be concentrating on basic basketball fundamentals. *There is no need to register... just show up on Saturday mornings with a desire to have some fun and learn a lot about basketball.* This will be lead by CMCS parent Brad Greenwaldt and any other parent willing to volunteer their time. Brad will not be available on Jan 23, Feb 6th, March 6th, and March 13th due to 6th grade tournaments... **so we really need other parents to lead basketball practice on these dates.** Please contact Brad if you are willing to help out. 967-4949 or greenies@mvtvwireless.com

Brown Paper Grocery Bags Needed

Please save your brown paper grocery bags for the New 2 You Thrift Store. Send them to school or drop them off at the store. Thanks for your help!

Basketball Concession Stand Workers

Girls BB

12/8/09 5:30

Tim and Dawn Link
Joey and Wendy Ulferts

12/21/09 5:30

Wes Wieberdink
Lenny and Michelle Schwitters
Mike Groen

Boys BB

12/15/09 5:30

Clyde and Tammy Slagter
Wendy Dehmlow
Ron Walz

1/5/10 5:30

Mike Witt
Justin Nett
Jason Jarveis
Justine Meyer-Hillers



Saturday Parent Schedule

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

12/12/09

Tom and Kelly Beekman
Dave and Jolene Ruschen
Curt and Debbie Swart

12/26/09

Closed

12/19/09

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

1/2/09

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

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.