

CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY



BLUE SHEET

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Text of the Week: John 4:25 -- "The woman said, 'I know that Messiah (called Christ) is coming. When he comes, He will explain everything to us.'"

Name of the Week: "Messiah"

Messiah. Christ. Savior. We take these words for granted. "Messiah? Isn't that the big long musical thing that the Halleluiah Chorus is part of?" Yes. "Messiah" is much more than that, however. It's what Christmas is all about! The Israelite/Jewish people waited 3000 years for the Messiah -- a savior to come along and deliver them from their troubles. Tragically, many Jews of the time missed Him when He did come -- they didn't believe He was the one. Practicing Jews (as opposed to Messianic Jews -- those who've accepted Jesus as the Messiah) still to this day are waiting for Him, not believing that He already came 2000 years ago. Messiah -- He wasn't what the Jews expected. He wasn't a conquering earthly hero who would overthrow the Romans and establish Israel/Judah/Judea as the Superpower of Earth. He was born in a humble stable, He would be beaten to within an inch of His life and then He would die on a wooden cross, branded a criminal. We know, however, that He was a conquering hero -- but He didn't mess with temporal, temporary kingdoms and empires. He conquered sin, and death, and hell. His is a universal Kingdom -- the one and only Universal Superpower if one wants to think of it that way. He is the Savior. He provides salvation for all mankind, if they but accept it. He provides salvation for each one of us -- and for our children. He came so that they and we could have eternal life. We know also that He is coming again. When He does, He will again explain a lot of things! Merry Christmas from everyone at CMCS!

Larry M. Van Otterloo
Elementary Principal, CMCS

Geography Bee Finals Tomorrow 2 pm High School Gym

The public is welcome to attend! Students competing in the Bee were determined by competitions within each of the grade 4-8 classrooms, respectively. Class champions were 4th grader Braden Ruschen, 5th grader Teddy Ahrenholz, 6th grader Levi Post, 7th grader Michael Vanderhooft, and 8th grader Evan Te Brake. Other qualifiers for the finals are 4th grader Jacob Meyer; 5th grader Aaron Zwart; and 8th graders Mary Covert, Matthew Meyer, and Tyler Stoel.

Reminder for K Parents: Both Sections of Kindergarten will meet this Wednesday!

Reminder to all: 2 PM Dismissal This Wednesday (regular bus routes will run) and then Christmas Break Until Monday, January 4!

Please fill the baby bottles with coins (bills are good too!) and send them back to school. Thus far, our students have brought in ... Also, 1/2 of the offering at the K-4 program last Friday (not counted yet! We'll let you know in January!) will go to Bethany. This fundraiser ends this Wednesday! For more info on Bethany go to www.bethany.org



CONGRATULATIONS!

JON AND EMILY SETRUM (ART TEACHER) HAD A BABY GIRL NAMED LINDSEY JO ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10. SHE WAS 7 LBS, 10 OZ, AND 2 1/2" LONG. LINDSEY IS WELCOMED HOME BY HER 2-YEAR-OLD BIG SISTER, MAGGIE.

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

Art Projects

Please send to school any of the following: shoe boxes, baby food jars, and the fronts of used Christmas cards. These items will be used in art class for various art projects throughout the year. Thanks!



Elementary Birthdays

December

23	Cora Watson	4K
25	Miss DeBoer	
27	Taylor Swart	6 th grade
29	Jonah Marcus	K
30	Gage TeBrake	2 nd grade
30	Aiyanna Klaphake	5 th grade

June 1/2 birthdays

23	Mrs. Stoel	
23	Dalton Ruschen	4K
24	Caden Erickson	4K
25	Lane Zachow	4K
27	Aleah De Boer	K

JH/High School Birthdays

December

26	Courtney Ulferts	10 th grade
28	Ashley Hoekstra	12 th grade

June 1/2 Birthdays

26	Grant Hoekstra	9 th grade
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Hot Lunch – Always Served With Milk

Tues, Dec 22	Hot dogs, baked beans, fruit, pudding
Wed, Dec 23	Pizza, lettuce, fruit, trail mix

Upcoming Events (listing only home games)

Mon, Dec 21	GBB vs. Dawson-Boyd	Wed, Dec 23	Dismiss at 2:00
Tues, Dec 22	2:00 Geography Bee 5-8	Mon, Jan 4	Classes resume

TRIP UPDATES

Perkins gift cards are no longer available through the TRIP program.
Domino's Pizza cards are only available in \$10.

You can check your rebate total by visiting www.shopwithscrip.com. Login, click on "My Account," and then select "Account Activity." You will need to subtract 10% from the total that you see, which will be applied to the T.R.I.P. program to help cover program expenses at payout time. You can check your account any time, but you will get a notice after payout is completed letting you know the amount that was applied to your tuition.

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. 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. This will be lead by CMCS parent Brad Greenwaldt, with assistance from Joe Ulferts (girls' practice) and any other parent willing to volunteer their time. Brad will not be available on Jan.23, Feb.6th, Mar 6th, March 13th due to 6th grade tournaments... **so we really need other parents to lead basketball practice these dates.** Please contact Brad if you are willing to help out 967-4949 or greenies@mtvwireless.com.

Note: There will be no practice on Jan. 30th due to the Bethany Volleyball Tourney.



Saturday Parent Schedule

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

1/2/10

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

1/16/10

Dave and Jill Brouwer
Brian and Lynette Bloomquist
Jon and Jodi Ammermann

1/9/10

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

1/23/10

Lanne and Lori Roelofs
Chad and Sonia Ulferts
Steve and Donna Broten

Concession Stand Schedule

GBB

12/21/09 5:50

Wes Wieberdink
Lenny and Michelle Schwitters
Mike Groen

1/15/10 5:30

Jeff and Tammy Vanderhoof
Mark and Sandy Hisken

BBB

1/5/10 5:30

Mike Witt
Justin Nett
Jason Jarveis
Justine Meyer-Hillers

1/18/10 5:30

Mike and Lenae Bulthuis
Todd Post
Angie Linde



**Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year**