

# CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY



# BLUE SHEET

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**"The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'" -- John 1:21**

## This Week's Name of God: Lamb of God

The Lamb, by William Blake:

"Little Lamb, who made thee?  
Dost thou know who made thee?  
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed  
By the stream and o'er the mead;  
Gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing, woolly, bright;  
Gave thee such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice?  
Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?  
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee, Little Lamb, I'll tell thee:  
He is called by thy name,  
For he calls himself a Lamb.  
He is meek, and he is mild;  
He became a little child.  
I, a child, and thou a lamb.  
We are called by his name.  
Little Lamb, God bless thee!  
Little Lamb, God bless thee!"

The poem above was one of those that I had to read and analyze in college. I'm not a poetic kind of guy, but this one was pretty good. Blake tells us how this same God who created the meek, mild, soft lamb, Himself became a lamb -- The Lamb of God. In another poem The Tiger, the same author, William Blake, tells us that this same God also created the fierce, hard, dangerous tiger. The first line: "Tiger Tiger, burning bright, In the forests of the night; What immortal hand or eye, Could frame thy fearful symmetry?" The same God that created the fearful tiger created the meek lamb. In the Old Testament Bible class that I teach our 9<sup>th</sup> graders, we emphasize the twin Old Testament themes of Justice and Mercy. You might say that the tiger is Justice, the lamb is mercy. It is God's perfect sense of justice combined with His incredible mercy that led, of course, to Jesus becoming the Lamb of God. God knew that our sins had to be paid for -- His perfect sense of justice would not allow them to go unpaid -- a sacrifice was necessary. In His incredible mercy, He sent His own Son to pay for those sins -- to be the Sacrifice -- the Son, the Lamb of God. No other sacrifice would have been sufficient to take away the sin of the whole world -- it had to be His supreme sacrifice.

As parents, we wrestle with justice and mercy all the time, don't we? We wrestle with these two things as educators at school also -- especially as a Christian school. To what extent do we rightfully practice justice in terms of our young people? One of the most important facts of life that they just simply must learn is that negative actions have negative consequences -- they just do. We do our children no real favors by shielding them completely from the consequences of their actions. If we do so, they will never learn and completely develop, as they should. For our children's own good, we must practice justice. At the same time, we must practice mercy -- so that our children will learn to practice mercy themselves, and so that we model God's mercy. I, for one, can state that I have made mistakes and have been inconsistent in practicing both justice and mercy -- both as educator and as parent. How about you? Let's pray that God will help us to do the right thing in every area as parents and as educators.

Larry M. Van Otterloo (Note: Cross shape in above poem formed by me, not by Blake)  
Elementary Principal, CMCS

**Grades K-6 will be taking the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills on  
March 1-5. Make-ups will be the following week!**

## **Advance Notice: Grandparents Day is Friday, April 9**

For those of our parents who are new to CMCS, we have a special day each spring on which we honor our students' grandparents. There is a music program at 10:30 am, followed by a sack lunch -- provided by our cooks so our students and grandparents can eat together. Then, we dismiss and our students and grandparents are urged to do something fun together for the rest of the day. Please contact grandparents and inform them of this date and gauge their interest in coming. There will be more information -- and an RSVP form -- in coming weeks!

### **Hot Lunch – Always Served With Milk**

Wed, Feb 17	Pizza, lettuce, fruit, cookie
Thurs, Feb 18	Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, tea biscuit
Fri, Feb 19	Hamburgers, French fries, fruit
Mon, Feb 22	Spaghetti, pears, lettuce, garlic toast



### **Elementary Birthdays**

#### **February**

20 Erin Brouwer 1<sup>st</sup> grade

#### **August ½ birthdays**

16 Natasha Erickson 4K  
18 Savanna Peterson 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
18 Kalley Schwitters 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
20 Nicolas Groen 4<sup>th</sup> grade

### **JH/High School Birthdays**

#### **February**

17 Tia Erickson 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
21 Tyler Wieberdink 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
22 Jena Cofer 12<sup>th</sup> grade

#### **August ½ birthdays**

20 Luke Negen 7<sup>th</sup> grade  
20 Courtney Groen 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
22 Nathaniel Gerdes 9<sup>th</sup> grade

### **Upcoming Events** (listing only home games)

Tues, Feb 16	BBB vs. TMB	Fri, Feb 19	BBB vs. Lakeview
Wed, Feb 17	Mid Qtr. Point		
Thurs, Feb 18	GBB vs. Lakeview		

### **TRIP UPDATES**

Effective Saturday, February 13, 2010, the rebate for **American Eagle Outfitters®** will increase from 9% to 10%. The denomination is unchanged at \$25.

**The last few TRIP orders that were placed were smaller orders and did not cover the shipping costs. In order to cover shipping costs, we will begin placing orders every other week, starting Tuesday, February 16, 2010. We will notify you when we can begin placing weekly orders again.**

After February 16, the next order will be placed Tuesday, March 2. Check [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) or [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) to find out about the many bonuses being offered right now!

### **Fusionz Dance Camp**

Please be advised of the following revised dates for dance camp practices and games: Practice will be held on Saturday, February 13, from 1-4 p.m. We will be performing on Thursday, February 18, and Friday, February 19. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Amanda Gerdes at 320-978-6047 or 320-894-7027 or Raya Knake at 320-905-1492.

## **Boys and Girls Saturday Morning Basketball Practice**

There will be elementary basketball practice every Saturday morning in February for grades 4-6. Girls practice will be from 8:30-10:00 a.m. The boys will practice from 10:00-11:30 a.m. The 6th grade boys traveling team will practice alone from 11:30-12:30 p.m. Please contact Brad if you are willing to help out 967-4949 or [greenies@mvtvwireless.com](mailto:greenies@mvtvwireless.com).



## **Saturday Parent Schedule**

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

**2/20/10**

Eric and Sarah Van Dyken  
Neil and Becky Graves  
Jay and Kris TeBrake

**2/27/10**

Kevin and Roxie Covert  
Clyde and Tammy Slagter  
Craig and Ann Holter

**3/6/10**

Tim and Dawn Link  
Eric and Danielle Watson  
David and Laura Brouwer

**3/13/10**

Ryan and Stephanie Van Eps  
Rick and Lynn Henning  
Matt and April Beerman

## **Going to Disney World!**

You may have heard on the radio or TV about the "Give a day. Get a Disney day." promotion. Disney is encouraging everyone to get out and volunteer. New 2 You is registered to be a part of this promotion. Call Becky at 320 231-1850 to schedule your day of volunteering soon! Note to CMCS parents: This does not include your mandatory day of working for the school. You will have to schedule another day with Becky. For more details, call Becky or go to <http://disneyparks.disney.go.com>

## **Concession Stand Schedule**

**GBB**

**2/18/10 5:30**

Tim Miller  
Angie Linde  
Pete and Brenda Van Der Puy



**BBB**

**2/16/10 5:30**

Wade and Rachel Damhof  
Tom and Kelly Beekman  
**2/19/10 5:30**  
Steve and Jill Blom  
Mike Witt  
Justin Nett  
**2/23/10 5:30**  
Brian and Danielle Johnson  
Larry and Cindy Van Otterloo

## **Requested Announcements**

**Missing Castle Racing snowmobile Jacket** from Thursday night's (1-21-10) home game vs. Canby. It is Red/Black/white size adult xs/s. Please return it to school if it is found.

**Alto Saxophone – Bunde II by Selmar in its case.** Appraised by Whitney Music. In good condition but needs some new pads. Would make a good starter instrument. Asking \$250. Call 320 220-4068.



## **Jumps 'n Hoops for Heart**

Jumps'n Hoops 4 Heart is underway!! The 4-6<sup>th</sup> graders have been "Hoppin n' Hoopin" it up, gearing up for our Third Annual Jumps 'n Hoops 4 Heart competition. The 4-6<sup>th</sup> graders have been collecting donations again for the American Heart Association. If you are interested in donating to the American Heart Association and haven't yet been contact any 4-6<sup>th</sup> grader, please do so TODAY and no later than TOMORROW... Wednesday, February 17.

To make it fun and add incentive, the kids are all working to collect \$100, so that they may throw a pie at the teacher of their choice!! If you'd like to see this crazy event take place, please come and join us on **Friday, February 19**, from 1:00 – 3:00 in the elementary gym where you will see us "Hoopin" and "Hoppin" it up for "Heart"!!



## **CMCS Clothing Sale**

the CMCS clothing sale is on again. The choices will be shown on the school web site and the unique embroidery web site [www.unique-embroidery.com](http://www.unique-embroidery.com) under CMCS clothing. Any questions people have they should call Sarah Van Dyken at 320 978-6094, not school. The sale will run until February 19.

## **CMCS Centennial Cookbook**

Volunteers are needed to be on a committee to put together a cookbook for CMCS' centennial celebration. This is open to anyone, any age that is willing to serve on this project. Please contact Sue Wubben at school [suew@willmarnet.com](mailto:suew@willmarnet.com) or at home 320 847-3641. Please contact Sue by Tuesday, March 2.

## **New York Mission Trip**

The New York Mission Trip students continue to sell Butter Braids thru the 18th (this Thursday) of February. Please contact school 978-8700 or Mary Ahrenholz 978-6221 to place an order BY THIS THURSDAY to help support the students. There are 7 yummy flavors available and the cost is \$10 each.

Also, the N.Y. Mission Trip students are selling Wilhelmina peppermints for \$2.00 a box. They make great church candy :-). Contact school for those.

There will be a Dad's Belgian Waffle Feed Fundraiser held on Tuesday, March 2 from 5-7 p.m. for the New York Mission Trip. Serving will be before the last CMCS boys' basketball game of the season vs. Lincoln High. It is a free-will donation with all funds going to help the students pay for the cost of the mission trip in late March. Join us for a supper of waffles, sausages, and orange juice. Thanks for your support of the Mission Trip students!