

CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY



BLUE SHEET

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Our Elementary Theme This Year: Names of God

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Each of the many names of God, which are given throughout Scripture, reveals something different about Who He is and how He wants to relate to us. They help to explain Who He is and who we are to be in relation to Him.

Sometimes we don't think of God having personality. But the many facets of His persona, who He is, are described and named throughout the Bible. Why do you think that is? It's because He wants us know Him, and through knowing Him, to come to understand what to expect of Him. As we become familiar with His names and begin using them in prayer and in our contemplations of Him, and in our teaching, He becomes more personal to us and to our students. He becomes someone to know and to be in awe of, to lie prostrate before the presence of. He becomes someone to love. He becomes someone to be very thankful to. He becomes increasingly more real, and the easier, the more natural our prayers and service become.

One example: El Shaddai -- Lord God Almighty -- is one of God's most powerful names, suggesting His unlimited power and resource. God revealed Himself as El Shaddai to Abram, later called Abraham: "When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless.'" You know the story of Abraham. God told him that he would be a blessing and all the peoples on earth would be blessed by him [Genesis 12:2-3]. God also said He would "greatly increase his numbers" and He would "make him very fruitful." [Genesis 17:2, 6] When we call Him El Shaddai, Lord God Almighty, we acknowledge that we have faith that He is willing and able to make us a blessing to others, for the sake of His Kingdom. It's a matter of honoring God and acknowledging that He is the same yesterday, today and forever [Heb. 13:8]; that He never changes [Malachi 3:6].

We don't have to use the less familiar names when we pray -- it's always appropriate to pray to "God" or "Lord" or "Father." But every time we use one of His names in prayer, we communicate to Him that we've taken the time to learn it, and to understand the character and attributes that it represents. It's a way of hallowing His name, as Jesus taught us to do, an expression of our respect, and our love. This helps us to better understand what it is to "pray in Jesus' name," for they are all His names, too, revealing more of who He is and who He wants to be in our lives.

We will present the first name of god in next week's Blue Sheet. Please pray that God will grant us success with this theme and that He will help us to have a great school year!

Larry M. Van Otterloo

Hot Lunch – Always Served With Milk

Tues, Aug 25	Chicken strips, mashed potatoes K-8, garden blend rice (9-12), corn, brownie
Wed, Aug 26	French toast, hash browns, sausage links, Go-gurt, O.J.
Thurs, Aug 27	Pizza sticks, dipping sauce, lettuce, ice cream bar
Fri, Aug 28	Hot dogs, baked beans, watermelon, cantaloupe (HS)
Mon, Aug 31	Meatballs, mashed potatoes, green beans, cloverleaf

WELCOME BACK!

Students, please return the New Village coin cans to school by this Friday. The money collected will be given to the Helen DeVos Christian School in Zambia, Africa.

Happy
Birthday



August

27	Hannah Vanderhooft	4 th grade
29	Mason Dehmlow	3 rd grade
31	Aaron Zwart	4 th grade

Upcoming Events

No school on Monday, September 7 – Labor Day

PICTURE DAY

All students at CMCS will have pictures taken this Thursday. If you have a child that is not in school yet and you want their picture taken, be here by 8:00 a.m. If you want to fill out the picture form ahead of time, stop at the office to pick up the form or let the office know and they can send an extra form home with your school aged child. All elementary students will receive a class picture this year for no extra charge.

Both Sections Of 4K and Kindergarten Have School And Will Take Pictures On Thursday! There will still be 4K and K on Friday

"Wear Your Cap To School Day!" Please Read Carefully!

"Wear your Cap To School Day" will be Friday, October 23. On this day, students who donate \$1.00 to Caps For Kids will get to wear their favorite (**appropriate**) cap or hat to school -- all day! Normally, this is against our policy, but this day's exception will be for a good cause! Caps For Kids is an organization that provides children with cancer caps of the children's choice autographed by celebrities of their choice. Please help us support this great program. Student participation is, of course, voluntary, but we ask parents to consider having our students join in this fun, worthwhile, and easy activity! **Again, it's voluntary, but no \$1.00, no cap that day!**

A Request: Miss As Little School As Possible!

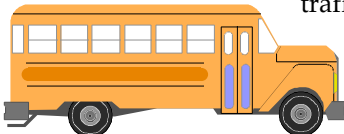
We ask that our school parents try to schedule doctor and dentist appointments, and other happenings outside of school hours whenever possible. Thanks!

Please Let Us Know!

Please inform the office as soon as possible when your student(s) will be missing school. Advanced notice is best! When students are sick and will miss school, please call by 8:45 a.m. Thanks!

Please Give The Buses Room!

We request that parents and grandparents dropping off children at school in the morning **not** park on the south side of the elementary school, if at all possible. It creates a very dangerous traffic situation for vehicles and pedestrians. At bare minimum, please make your parking time there as short as possible and be very careful for the buses and students. **There must be no parking or driving on this street between 3:00 and 3:20 pm. This is non-negotiable! Thanks!**



TRIP UPDATES

For the most up to date info log onto www.glscrip.com

Let The Teachers Know!

If your students are going somewhere unusual – not riding the bus, riding a different bus, or whatever, please send a detailed note with them to their teacher. **Please emphasize that the student needs to hand the teacher the note directly -- not just put it on their desk!** This is especially important with younger students! We are responsible for their safety to and from school. **From here on, we will not put students on “different” buses without notification from parents!** Please help us in this area! Thanks!

Please do not send students to school or drop off students at school before 8:15 a.m. Thanks!

Let The Cooks Know!

Parents, please alert the cooks of any special dietary needs or cautions for your child due to allergies or sensitivities. They will work with you on any special needs.

Student Pick-Up Policy During The School Day

We will only allow students to be picked up from the office or their classroom by parents or other authorized personnel during the school day. We prefer they be picked up from the office. We will not allow students to leave the building to be picked up outside during the day. Thanks!

Help Us Keep Students Active At Recess – And Avoid Conflicts!

We have a policy that students should not take trading or game cards of any kind to school. We have this policy so that students don't sit around at recess with the cards rather than actively playing and socializing. Also, sometimes students trade cards and then regret trades, resulting in conflicts. Please help us out by making sure students don't take trading cards to school. Thanks!

Third Grade Is Going To The Circus!

The third grade class will be attending the Shrine Circus in Willmar at 10 a.m. on Friday, September 25. The Shriners have provided free tickets for the students, Miss De Boer, and chaperones. The CMCS cooks will be providing sack lunches for the day. The bus will leave at 9:15.

Requested Announcements

Attention ladies! You are invited to MOPS (mothers of preschoolers). MOPS is for all mothers with children from birth through kindergarten. Come see what's new. MOPS is a great place to connect with other mothers. Don't have any preschoolers in your home? Maybe you'd still like to get involved with MOPS as a MOPPET worker. It's a ministry with countless rewards. MOPS meets September – April at Bunde CRC in Clara City. Childcare is subject to availability, so be among the first to register. Call Becky @ 320-967-4218.

To place an announcement in the Blue Sheet, please contact the office by phone or e-mail.

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CMCS Blue Sheet Survey

Family Name _____

_____ We would like to receive the Blue Sheet by e-mail rather than on paper. Our e-mail address is: _____

_____ We would rather continue to receive the Blue Sheet in paper form.

_____ None of the above, we will access the Blue Sheet on the web site.

