

CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY



BLUE SHEET

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N.O.W. (Name of the Week): Creator

Text: John 1:3 -- "Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made."

This week's name of the week, Creator, provides us with perhaps the clearest contrast between our Christian school perspective and the perspective of government schools. We acknowledge a Creator -- a supreme being who used an intelligent design to make us and to make our world an awesome, incredible place that is wonderfully well made. We believe that we have a purpose -- to serve this magnificent Creator out of gratitude for making us. We also believe that we are to use all of the gifts that this Creator has created for us (including our own bodies) wisely and in a way that glorifies Him. By law, on the other hand (you can look it up), government schools are required to not only not acknowledge a creator, but to deliberately teach that this world and that we came into being completely by accident. This makes a huge difference in terms of our worldview -- how we view life, the universe, and everything. There is a huge difference between a worldview which holds that everything was just a big cosmic accident and that man is just the most highly evolved animal; and a worldview which holds that everything was created by God and that He loved man so much -- as the crown of His creation -- that He sent His Son to die for us!

While the differences between Christian and government education go far beyond these matters, these matters are possibly the points of clearest contrast. By themselves, they ought to be enough to tip anyone's decision-making regarding their children's education. Now, don't get me wrong - there are wonderful Christian teachers in government schools, and I admire them greatly as they struggle uphill against all odds daily. But: a government school with a required godless curriculum, even with Christian teachers, it is still a godless school. Do Christian teachers have a legitimate place in such schools? Yes -- they are lights amid the darkness. On the other hand, could parental choice for education be any plainer? I also admire Christian students in the government schools who struggle uphill against these odds, but their primary duty as students is to learn the right things in the right way -- not to be missionaries. We, as Christian adults need to be missionaries and to teach -- but a child's primary duty is to learn, not to teach. Part of that learning is learning about God and His incredible creation. To learn about the Creator!

Praise the Lord and thank Him every day that He has created us fearfully and wonderfully! Praise the Lord that he has given us this stupendous world to live in, to work in, to play in, and to serve Him in! Praise the Lord that He has given us this Christian school to train our children in, to worship Him in, to play in, to learn about Him in, and to serve Him in. He is our Creator we are His creation!

Larry M. Van Otterloo
Elementary Principal

Vision and Hearing Screening

Next Monday the 14th, we will have Vision and Hearing Screening for grades 4K-6, 7, and 10. On Tuesday we will finish the other groups of 4K and K and others that are missing on Monday. Please make sure your child is rested and ready for testing. Also, this takes a lot of volunteers to do so please let Darci know if you can help on either morning.

TRIP UPDATES

Aeropostale is now offering \$25 cards in 7% contributions.

Nike \$25 cards-12%

Visa Rewards cards \$100, \$50, \$25 – 2%

Office Max \$100 cards – 5%

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



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.

GEMS Girls' Club (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior) is a ministry for girls in 2nd through 8th grade. At Club girls work on lessons and badges, have praise and worship time, make crafts and get to know their Savior in the process! There are several Clubs in the area if you are interested in joining!

- Willmar: Meets every other Wednesday evening at the Willmar CRC starting Sept. 16th
- Bunde: Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 6:00 pm (with supper) and ending at 8:00 pm
- Prinsburg: Meets every other Wednesday from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the First CRC starting Sept. 16th
- Raymond: Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at the Raymond CRC starting Sept. 16th

For more information, please contact the Club Coordinators: Willmar – Jennifer Englund (235-3060); Bunde – Eileen Brouwer (847-3250); Prinsburg – Lenae Bulthuis (978-6906); Raymond – Lori Roelofs (978-8320).

Piano lessons for beginners in my Prinsburg home. Please call Sherry Hibma at (320) 978-8008.

Dad's Belgian Waffles Blomkest Commercial Club will be serving waffles on Monday, September 21 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the Blomkest Community Center. Free Will Donation (recommended donation \$6.00 per plate-children 5 and under free)

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

Phone: 320 978-8700 ask for the elementary office.

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Concession Stand Workers Schedule Volleyball home games

9/8/09 5:30

Eric Van Dyken
Sarah Van Dyken
Chuck Leininger
Sandy Leininger

9/15/09

Linda Foss
Kay Hillers
Wes Wieberdink
Larry Zachow



Saturday Parent Schedule

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

9/12/09

Tom and Denise Bakker
Bruce and Maria Hanson
Cal and Barb Ahrenholz

9/26/09

Dan and Gina Ohden
Jeff and Tammy Vanderhooft

9/19/09

Mitch and Missy Swart
Tim and Melody Williams

10/3/09

Joey and Wendy Ulferts
Rich and Sara Jouvstra



SEPTEMBER YEARBOOK ORDER

For the month of September yearbooks will be on sale for \$35.00 for the first book ordered in the family and \$25.00 for each additional yearbook. Please complete the order form and turn into the office with payment by the last day in September. You will receive a receipt in the mail later in the month.

NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

\$35.00 _____

\$25.00 x _____ = _____

TOTAL: _____

CHECK _____ CASH _____



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.