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Soccer Coach Needed

CMCS is seeking a Junior High boys soccer coach for the 2008-09 school year. If you are interested, please contact Daryl Vander Well or Pete Van Der Puy at 978-8700.

Part-time Elementary School Administrative Assistant Needed!

Darci Post has taken a half-time position at the New 2 You Thrift Store and will continue to work in the elementary school office half-time. CMCS needs an administrative assistant for the elementary office from 12:15 to 3:15 each school day, Monday through Friday. Responsibilities will include phone and in-person visitor reception; assisting Mr. Van Otterloo with clerical work; coordinating the boxtop/label/milk/drink program; helping students who need Band-aids and TLC; and other tasks. If you are interested, please contact Larry Van Otterloo at school, 978-8700, by August 29.

CMCS Seeks Prayer Warriors For 2008-09

We now have 32 adults praying for selected students this year! They each pray for 3 students (some pray for more) by name each day and they also pray for our staff, students, and school as a whole. Each week, they receive a Prayer Warriors Bulletin -- by mail or by e-mail with specific prayer requests. Our Prayer Warriors have found this program to be a blessing for them. We have also found this program to be a tremendous blessing for our students. More Prayer Warriors would mean more prayers -- and maybe more blessings! Please consider becoming a Prayer Warrior. If you are interested in this, please call Larry Van Otterloo at school -- 978-8700.

Adult Crosswalk Guards Needed

We need adult volunteers to man the crosswalk across Highway 1 for elementary students in the mornings. If you are able and willing to serve our elementary students and to help keep them safe in this way, please call Mr. Van Otterloo at school, 978-8700. Thanks!

Counselors Needed

The CMCS high school fall retreat is in its planning stages. If you enjoy working with teens and can spare a weekend (September 19-21) would you consider being a counselor? If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call Bruce and Jeanne Vogel at 320-235-0072 (or e-mail freedomv17@hotmail.com) or call Bryan and Sue DeGroot at 320-978-8432.

Little League World Series

Everyone is welcome to watch the very first annual Prinsburg Little League World Series. It will start at 6:00 PM on August 25 (the first day of school). All the kids that played summer rec little league in Prinsburg are invited to play. If your child did not participate in little league but still wants to play, please call Paul Dobmeier at 978-4814. It will be located on the town field next to the tennis courts. There will be a concession stand too. Come out and enjoy a fun game and fellowship!



Administrators' Report

July was a month of adjustment and reorganization. Many new contacts were made, procedures determined, and events planned. I had the pleasure of meeting one of our two foreign exchange students for the 2008-09 school year as Yemi Waffo arrived from Ethiopia. She will be attending 9th grade and is staying with Bryan and Sue De Groot. Ji Yun (Jenny) Kim is scheduled to arrive from Korea soon. She will be staying with Dan and Gina Ohden.

Mr. Van Otterloo, Mr. Wassenaar, and I attended the CSI Convention which was held in St. Louis this year. The theme of "Head, Heart, and Hands" was the focus of the keynotes and sectionals. The sectional which spoke most clearly to me was Dr. James Drexler from Covenant College who challenged us to be alert and active in the battle of spiritual warfare, noting that this battle often creeps into our schools in subtle ways. He highlighted flashpoints in the battle in areas of complacency, integrity, gossip, diversity, and excellence. We were given opportunity to engage each other on how these areas affect our schools and how we can battle for Christ. He also reminded us to encourage belief, behavior, and belonging in our schools.

Niel Nielson, president of Covenant College, gave the closing address on "Prophet, Priest, and King: The Christological Unity of Head, Heart, and Hands." His address focused on how Christ acts as our chief prophet, proclaiming the Gospel of God; as chief high priest, mediating God's grace through the Holy Spirit; and as king, teaching us to follow a life of relentless obedience.

Rebekah Burch Basinger, coauthor of "Growing Giver's Hearts," spoke about the idea of treating fundraising as ministry. She identified the characteristics of fundraising as ministry

as 1) exudes confidence in God's abundance; 2) operates as a no competition zone; 3) theologically grounded; 4) makes room for donor involvement; 5) flows from a school's strategic plan; and 6) is led by spiritually mature staff. She challenged us to be rich toward God.

Convention is a time for challenge and renewal. We were grateful to be a part of this event.

Board Report

- The Board is moving forward with the creation of a vision statement as well as a strategic plan. A partnership with CSI is in the works to get this accomplished.
- There was discussion about the matching gift challenge and the December deadline.
- The Board approved the hiring of a part-time afternoon secretary at the elementary campus.
- The Board approved the hiring of Darci Post as Thrift Store Financial Manager and Becky Zondervan as the Volunteer Manager.
- The Board approved the hiring of Heather Pluimer as JV volleyball coach and Lynette Bloomquist as Jr. High volleyball coach.
- The next meeting date was set for September 29.

Bus Driver Needed

CMCS needs a driver for the Raymond morning route for the 08-09 school year. All interested applicants should contact either Jay Te Brake or Mr. Van Der Puy.

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CMCS Mission Statement

It is the mission of Central Minnesota Christian School to provide a Christ-centered quality education to equip students for a life of service.

Board Members:

Larry Marcus - Pres.	Steve Broten
Mike Bonnema - Vice Pres.	Paul Dobmeier
Jay TeBrake - Sec'y	Brad Nelson
Byron Damhof - Treas.	Michael Pluimer
Tom Bakker	Jason Schwitters

Minutes of the previous month's meeting are available by e-mail or letter. To receive a copy contact the high school office.

CMCS supplies needed for 2008-09

All textbooks, workbooks, paper, pencils, scissors, rulers, paints, and glue are furnished by the school. The school will also provide an assignment book for students in grades four, five, and six. We offer the following list as a guideline for what students are expected to furnish for themselves at various grade levels

Kindergarten

- paint shirt (large size, T-shirt type)
- school bag large enough to hold large library book
- large box of Kleenex to be shared
- pillow for rest time
- 1 folder with pockets
- pencil box for crayons

Do not send pencils, crayons, erasers, etc.

Grade 1

- crayons box of 24 (bring on the first day)
- 2 erasers
- large box of Kleenex to be shared
- left handed scissors (if needed)
- school bag or back pack

Grade 2

- NIV Bible
- crayons (any number)
- small pencil box or supply box
- 2 folders with pockets
- school bag or back pack
- pack of washable markers
- large box of Kleenex to be shared

Grade 3

- NIV Bible
- crayons (any number)
- folder for homework
- large box of Kleenex to be shared
- school bag or back pack

Grade 4

- NIV Bible
- crayons (size of your choice)
- colored markers (optional)
- 1 notebook (wide ruled)
- 2 paper folders with two pockets
- large eraser
- low tech calculator (Please label)
- large box of Kleenex to be shared
- school bag or back pack
- (No Trapper Keepers, please)

Grade 5

- NIV Bible
- 5 double pocket portfolios/folders
- large box of Kleenex to be shared
- 2 green pens (Can buy at school for 25¢ each)
- scissors
- colored pencils
- small pouch for pencils, pens, etc.
- low tech calculator
- school bag or back pack
- #2 pencils, regular or mechanical
- ruler with standard and metric scales
- 3-ring trapper/keeper
- 200 sheets loose leaf paper – 3-hole punched
- 2 spiral notebooks, 3-hole punched, without easy tear out pages
- Elmer's School Glue

Grade 6

- NIV Bible
- 2 green pens (Can buy at school for 25¢ each)
- eraser
- pencil box or basket
- 6 notebooks (wide-ruled)
- 4 pocketed folders
- low tech calculator
- school bag or back pack
- crayons
- colored pencils
- large box of Kleenex to be shared
- scissors
- ruler with standard and metric scale

JUNIOR HIGH and SENIOR HIGH – notebooks as needed for up to eight courses, NIV Bible, pencils and pens as needed, back pack for transporting books and supplies, personal supplies such as colored pencils, rulers, felt pens as desired, and a notebook for recording assignments.

Math courses in grades 9-11

- three ring binder
- loose leaf paper



Harvest Festival Assignments

Saturday, November 22, 2008

General Committee

Anne Groen Lori Petersen
Traci Grussing Natalie Vander Beek
Kris TeBrake Tricia Nelson

General Store

Note: Holiday Village and Country Store are now being combined and after this year will have the same chairpeople.

1st Shift

*Melissa Swart
#Heidi Gerdes
Lisa Slagter
Tim Miller
Eileen Dobmeier
Becky Zondervan
Sarah VanDyken
Ron Walz
Teri Zondervan
April Swierenga
Edith Ryder
Theresa Skinner

2nd Shift

*Linda Ruschen
#Christy Wordes
Bridget VenOsdel
Wendy Ulferts
Maria Hanson
Sandy Leininger
Amy Engle
Sherry Hibma
Wendy Dehmlow
Darlene Duinck
Nancy Pynes
Nicotie Bothof
Sharon Groen

Snack Shack

1st Shift

*Sue Wubben
#Darci Post
Rhonda Slagter
Lisa Jarveis
Jane Groen
Joy Peterson
Cindy VanOtterloo
Dawn Link
Sue DeGroot
Aimee TeBrake

2nd Shift

*Renaë Kleinhuizen
#Tami Greenwaldt
Donna Broten
Dawn Poppema
Kay Hillers
Amy Bonnema
RaeJean Bulthuis
Melanie Post
Angie Brouwer
Tracy Brouwer

International Bakery

1st Shift

*Stephanie VanEps
#Lexi Wubben
Pat Groen
Peggy Johnson
Judy Wieberdink
Randy Bonnema
Kelly Beekman
April Beerman
Lynette Bloomquist
Heather Bulthuis
Karen Marcus
Melissa VerSteege
Denise Klaphake

2nd Shift

*Susanne Mulder
#Barb Ahrenholz
Lori Roelofs
Lisa Wubben
Luanne Groen
Mary Jo Halliday
Linda Mikelson
Mari Damhoff
Sheri Marcus
Joan Marcus

Food & Fellowship

1st Shift

*Justine Meyer
#Denise Baker
Renaë Slagter
Jill Brouwer
Tessa Evink
Sonia Ulferts
Kim Brouwer
Jane Wubben
Tammy Slagter
Cheryl Bonnema
Tammy Vanderhooft
Linda Foss
Shannon Stoel
Darla Ryks
Michelle Schwitters

2nd Shift

*Tessa Erickson
#Jill Blom
Romell Marcus
Lynn Marcus
Stacy Schwitters
Kim Erickson
Cheryl Watnaas
Wendy Swart
Lenae Bulthuis
Lynn Henning

Harvest Blend Coffee

1st Shift

*Gina Ohden
Char Dykstra
Kelly Blom
Roxie Covert

2nd Shift

#Joan Slagter
Angie Zwart
Jodi Ammermann
Becky Hoekstra

Carnival

1st Shift

*Merri-Sue Swart

Shannon Nichols
Danielle Watson
Amy DeBoer
Sara Hankel
Laura Brouwer
Heather Pluimer
Tanya Hanson
Christy Groen
Beth Rangaard
Sheila Slagter
Pety Zeatlow
Susan Schweiger
Laura Streich
Jolene Ruschen
Stephanie Larson

2nd Shift

*MaryBeth Pollema
#RoseMary Burns
Joan Marcus
Amy Kroes
Janet Pauling
Angie Linde
Mindy Grannes
Trisha Mulder
Becky Graves
Carol Tebben

The Harvest Festival needs your talents!

Do you have time, talent, or treasures that you would be willing to donate to this year's Harvest Festival auction or to the General Store? Be creative – we'd love to hear what you have for us! Contact Anne Groen at 320-329-3394 with your donations. Listed below are a few suggestions to get you thinking, but other ideas are more than welcome.

For the Auction:

- *Homemade cookies, pies, or cinnamon rolls each month for a year
- *Family day on the water
- *Guided Trips: fishing, hunting, horse trail riding
- *Home-cooked dinner
- *House cleaning, yard work, or window washing
- *Hunting land use or fish house use
- *Use of a motor home, cabin, or boat
- *Babysitting or dogsitting

For the General Store:

- *Any canned goods
- *Produce
- *New decorative items
- *Theme baskets, ex: movie basket containing a DVD and popcorn

Teen Scene (6-8 PM)

*Curt & Debbie Swart
*Rich & Sara Jouwstra

Missy & Layton Meyer
Kirk & Christina VanderPol
Brian & Kari VanEps
Sue Osborne
Jeff Bond
Tim & Melody Williams

* Denotes Chairperson

Denotes Co-Chairperson

Double Tax Benefit of Gifting Stock

Several years ago, John and Mary Sample invested \$10,000 in a stock they believed was destined to grow. They were right. The current value of their stock is five times its original cost! However, it produces very little income.

The couple has two objectives prompting them to consider selling the stock. They would like to:

- make a charitable contribution to Central Minnesota Christian School
- reinvest in a way to generate more income

This illustration shows the double tax benefit of gifting stock. Prior to selling the stock, the Samples give 10% (\$5,000 in value) of the stock to Central Minnesota Christian School. This gift results in a charitable income tax deduction that will save John and Mary Sample \$1,650 (33% tax bracket) on this year's tax return.

Also the capital gain tax due on the \$5,000 of stock given to Central Minnesota Christian School is completely bypassed – saving another \$600! Finally, the \$1,650 of income tax savings partly offsets \$5,400 of capital gain tax due on the \$45,000 of stock sold by the couple.

So, by giving a portion of the stock prior to any sale, John and Mary reduce taxes by \$2,250, make a \$5,000 charitable gift, and net \$41,250 to reinvest. All considered, the gifting stock strategy in this illustration actually delivers three important benefits!

For a FREE copy of "Benefits of Giving Appreciated Stock" write 'stock' on the enclosed reply card or contact Kevin Wassenaar from Central Minnesota Christian School at (320) 978-8700 or kevinw@willmarnet.com

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From Mr. Van Der Puy's Desk:

Fresh Starts

Scary. Overwhelming. Exhausting. Emotional. All of these words capture moments associated with change and new beginnings. Refreshing. Exciting. Healthy. Faith-building. These words also aptly describe the same change process. The end result depends upon where we focus. Our family has experienced each of these feelings and many more over the last six weeks as we have begun to assimilate to all of the newness. But all of us go through seasons of change, whether it comes through a move, a family loss, a family addition, a job change, a rough patch in our economic status, a physical or emotional struggle or a wandering in our spiritual journey. Do any of the words, positive or negative, listed above describe where you are today? Where is your focus?

As Christians we have assurance that we don't walk alone. God is before us to lead us, beside us to guide us, over us to watch us, and behind us to nudge us forward. Are you resisting change that God is prompting in your life? What is holding you back? Is it fear? In Isaiah 41:10 God tells us, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." God's promises are iron-clad. We can bank on them. As we approach another new year, let's put our focus on the second set of adjectives and let God take care of the rest.

I am excited to be a part of Christian education at Central Minnesota Christian School. The school has a rich heritage and an impressive track record of assisting children and parents in the journey toward adult Christian living for nearly 100 years. God's work will continue to happen within the walls of these buildings, but we need to work together to get the job done. As a school we need your daily prayer and support. Stop in during the school year and get a taste of what is happening here.

Fall Retreat

The high school students of CMCS are invited to a spiritual retreat at Camp Koronis, by Paynesville, the weekend of September 19-21. Due to cost increases at Lake Geneva, we felt the need to move the retreat to Camp Koronis. We are looking forward to a fresh start at a new camp.

The total cost for the weekend is higher than what we are charging the students, as we want to make it more affordable to them. Since the total cost is not being covered, any donations toward the retreat would be welcome. This will be the 14th year we have held a fall retreat; this is largely possible because of the help and support we receive from the community. Thank you!! You may drop off a donation designated for the "CMCS Retreat Fund", at the CMCS office or mail it to CMCS Retreat Fund, PO Box 98, Prinsburg, MN 56281

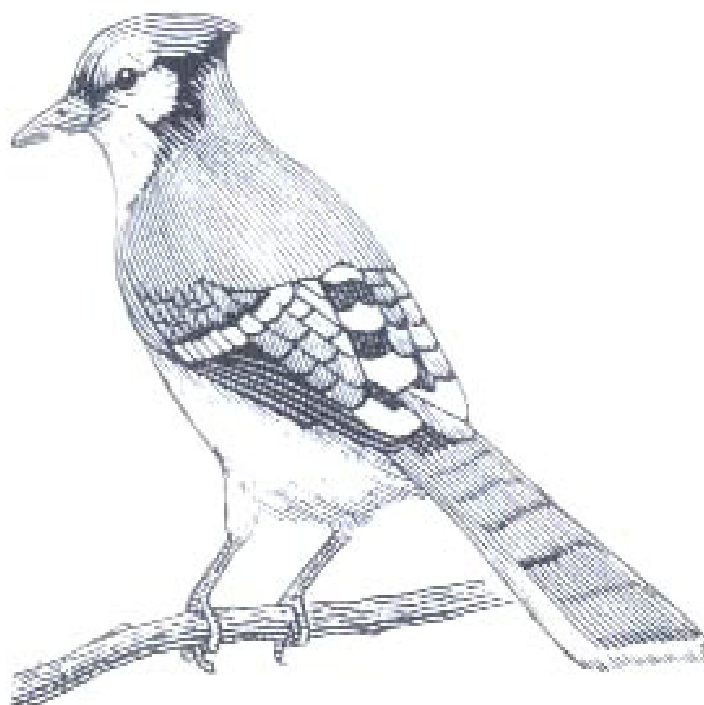
Please mark this weekend on your calendar and remember to pray for our students and the adult counselors and the speaker.

Thank you!

The Retreat Committee

2008-09 Yearbook Sale Extended

This year we are introducing a special price for families. The first book you buy will cost \$35.00 and then \$25.00 for each additional book your family buys. This way each child will have their very own book. This is a SPECIAL price that will not last long. Please fill out an order form that is available in the high school office. After **September 1**, yearbooks will be \$45.00. Also, if you would like to have your child's name printed on the yearbook cover, the cost is \$6.00/each. The 2007-2008 yearbooks will be arriving the first week of September. If you have not purchased one, please contact Sarah at 320-978-6094. The price is \$45.00.



August

T	19	Alumni soccer game 7:00
Th	21	Teacher In-Service
F	22	Teacher In-Service
		New Parent Meeting 7:00 – 8:00
		Parent Open House 7:00 – 9:00
		Soc – Worthington
M	25	Convocation 9:00
		Dismiss 12:00 noon
		Little League World Series 6:00
T	26	VB – McLeod West
T	26	Soc @ Southwest Christian
W	27	Magazine sale begins
Th	28	School pictures
		Sophomore Jostens ring meeting
		VB – Montevideo
		Soc – Marshall

September

M	1	No school – Labor Day
T	2	VB @ Canby
Th	4	VB @ Minneota
F	5	Soc @ Minnewaska
		Course switch deadline
S	6	VB @ Sioux Falls
M	8	VB – TMB
M	8	Soc – Glenco/Silver Lake
W	17	Probation notes
Th	11	Soc @ Hillcrest
S	13	VB – JV Tournament
S	13	Soc @ Holy Family
T	16	VB @ Lakeview
T	16	Soc – Minnewaska
Th	18	VB – Lincoln
Th	18	Soc – Willmar
F	19	Course drop deadline
F-S	19-21	High School Retreat