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A Harvest of Blessings

“For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete.” Deuteronomy 16:15b.

The Lord God truly did bless us again this year as we celebrated our annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, November 21. He blessed us with generosity in all those who made donations; He blessed us with working hands in all who helped make the event successful; and He blessed us with fellowship as we spent the evening together.

Once again there was something for everyone - whether you visited the General Store, the Silent Auction, or the Live Auction, you were sure to find something you ‘had to have’. The lines were long to enjoy the good food available at either the Old Fashioned Ham Dinner or the Snack Shack - or to buy lots of homemade goodies at the International Bakery. Many also enjoyed a cup of coffee and the delicious sweets at the Sweet Shoppe. The kids were kept entertained in the Kid’s Carnival and the teens had a blast at the Teen Scene.

A special thank you needs to be given to each of you who were involved in making these booths run - your hard work and dedication to making this event successful was GREATLY appreciated. A big thank you also goes to Henslin Auctioneers for their hard work at the Live Auction and helping that to be so successful. Thank you also needs to be said to the main committee for their hours of planning and organizing (& shopping!). One last thank you goes to each of you who attended the Harvest Festival - your support of our kids and their education is invaluable - thanks!

Above all, we are thankful to God. Not only for the blessings we received at the Harvest Festival and for \$34,586.20 raised to be used at CMCS, but especially for the reason those funds are needed - our children.

Christmas Concerts

High School Concert

The High School Christmas Concert on December 7, 2009 will feature the main high school vocal and instrumental groups: the Concert Choir and the Concert Band, directed by Dr. Charles Meyer. Each group will be performing several pieces. In addition, we will have smaller instrumental and vocal ensembles performing such as the Girl's Chorus and the Trumpet Ensemble.

Grades 5 -8 Concert

The CMCS grades 5 - 8 bands and choirs will present a Christmas concert on Friday, December 11 at 7 pm. in the high school gym. The bands are under the direction of Dr. Chuck Meyer and the choirs are under the direction of Shauna Eilts.

K - 4 Concert

The K - 4 students will be performing *The Christmas Family Tree*, which has an outdoor setting. This Christmas concert will be Friday, December 18 at 7 p.m. in the high school gym.

Come support our students as they present Christmas medleys that will surely get you into the Christmas spirit. The students have been working hard to praise God with their voices and you will see what a joy this will be.

Elementary Christmas Giving Project -- Bethany Christian Services

Each year, grades 4k through 6 choose a project to support at Christmas. This year, the faculty has chosen Bethany Christian Services. Students themselves will be asked to give sacrificially toward this project. We will also have educational and fun activities to promote this idea.

As in past years, the offering at the December 18 K-4 Christmas program will be split. Half of the offering will go to the giving project and half to the music fund, but if anyone wishes to designate their entire offering to Bethany we will gladly honor that - indicate that on your check. Donations may also be sent to school. The "bottom lines" are twofold -- we want to support a worthy Christian cause and we want to teach our children about stewardship and giving.

Please consider what you can do to help us to share God's blessings with His people -- big and small. For more information on Bethany and its Christmas gift catalog, get on the web and go to www.bethany.org.

TRIP UPDATES

TRIP orders are due on Tuesday mornings by 9 a.m.

Check www.glscrip.com or www.shopwithscrip.com to find out about the many bonuses being offered right now!

Christmas break is approaching quickly. Please have your TRIP orders to the school office by 9:00 a.m. on the following days:

Tuesday, December 8
Tuesday, December 15
Monday, December 21
Tuesday, January 5

GLScrip informed us that there could be a 1-2 day delay during the next few weeks. We are trying to ensure that your orders will arrive before Christmas Break by placing our order on Monday, December 21.



Time is Running Out

IRA Charitable Rollover Gift Opportunity Expires December 31, 2009

IRA Charitable Gifts conditions...

- Gifts are tax-free up to \$100,000 per year
- IRA holder must be age 70 1/2 or older
- Gifts must be made directly to a charity
- Gifts may only be made from traditional IRAs and Rollover IRAs

Benefits to you...

- It is an easy and convenient way to make a gift
- You benefit even if you don't itemize deductions on your tax returns
- Gifts can be in addition to or fulfill any charitable giving pledges you have already made



**Would you like to contribute part of your IRA to Central Minnesota Christian School?
Call Kevin Wassenaar at 320-978-8700 for more information.**

Non-discriminator Statement

Central Minnesota Christian School does not discriminate in its employment policies and practices, or in its educational program on the basis of race, color, age, sex, disability, national origin, or ancestry.



Money given to CMCS in October: \$ 11,000

It is hard to believe how fast the year is flying! We have marked down and pulled the Halloween/fall items and now are starting to put coats on sale! Christmas and winter items are out in abundance!

We enjoyed a wonderful time at our volunteer appreciation banquet last month! We had many people come and enjoy a night of entertainment provided by students and parents of CMCS, good food, and lots of laughter!

We, as managers of New 2 You, have been busy getting ready to start our new tagging system. You will now find when you come to shop at New 2 You four different colored stickers on all clothing and household items. There will be a price on each sticker and signs that will explain which sticker is on which sale for the week. Everything that has these stickers on will be full price for 2 weeks, then on the 3rd week half-price. On the 4th week on the floor, that particular colored sticker will be on a bag sale which means all you can fit in a brown paper grocery bag for \$5.00. We are excited to get more people into the store with these sales and be able to move more items through the store. Let everyone know about the great deals at New 2 You and come and see us soon!

Merry Christmas from the New 2 You managers!

Darci Post
Becky Zondervan

New 2 You Thrift Store Saturday Parent Schedule

12/5/09

Mike and Lenae Bulthuis
Steve and Jill Blom
Mike and Luanne Groen

12/12/09

Tom and Kelly Beekman
Dave and Jolene Ruschen
Curt and Debbie Swart

12/19/09

Jon and Lori Braem
Brad and Darla Ryks
Jason and Lisa Jarveis

12/26/09

Closed

1/2/10

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

1/9/10

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

Annual Campaign Underway

As most of you know, our Annual Campaign is underway. This year we have a goal of \$500,000 to provide tuition assistance and bus operations funds. Both of these items are essential to the operations of Central Minnesota Christian School. We want to say thank you to those who have already generously given gifts. They are greatly appreciated and needed. We also welcome everyone who feels led to participate in our campaign in whatever way they can. All gifts, large and small, make a difference! To date we have raised \$57,858 towards our goal!

God has blessed CMCS in so many ways over the last 99 years, and we continue to be faithful to our mission of providing Christ-centered, quality education to equip students for a life of service. We are incredibly thankful for the supportive community who help us out year after year. Please continue to pray for CMCS as we work diligently to see our students flourish and grow in God's knowledge and understanding.

Parents' Club Meeting!

The Parents' Club will be holding its fall meeting on Tuesday, December 15 between the JV and Varsity boys basketball games in the high school music room.

A vote will be taken on the Harvest Festival proceeds. Final numbers and the ballot will be published next week in the *Blue Sheet*. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

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December

T	1	GBB host Lincoln HI JH BBB host RCW - 4:15 pm.
W	2	Mid quarter point
Th	3	GBB @ RCW JH BBB @ Willmar CC-4:00 pm
F	4	Mid quarter letters mailed
M	7	HS Christmas concert - 7:00 pm.
T	8	GBB host MACCRAY
Th	10	BBB @ RCW
F	11	5 -8 Christmas concert - 7:00 pm.
F	18	K-4 Christmas concert - 7:00 pm.
T	22	Geography Bee - 2:00 pm.
W	23	School dismissed at 2:00 pm.
Th-F	24-Jan. 1	NO SCHOOL- Christmas vacation

January

S	2	BBB/Southwest Christian @ SMSU- Marshall GBB/Southwest Christian @ SMSU - Marshall
M	4	School resumes
T	5	BBB host Dawson Boyd
Th	7	GBB @ RTR
F	8	BBB @RTR
T-F	12-15	Grades 7 - 12 exams
T	12	GBB @ Lakeview JHGBB host BOLD
Th	14	BBB @ Lakeview
F	15	End of Quarter 2 GBB host RCW
S	23	One Act Play - high school gym
S	30	Subsection One Act Competition