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## Eighth Grader Courtney Groen Wins Geography Bee

The school finals of the Geography Bee were held on Tuesday, December 22. 10 students in grades 4-8 qualified for the finals. Class champions were 4th grader Braden Ruschen, 5th grader Teddy Ahrenholz, 6th grader Levi Post, 7th grader Michael Vanderhooft, and 8th grader Evan TeBrake. Other qualifiers for the finals were 4th grader Jacob Meyer; 5th grader Aaron Zwart; and 8th graders Mary Covert, Matthew Meyer, and Tyler Stoel.

Courtney Groen won the final tiebreaker competition. Finishing second was 8th grader Evan TeBrake. Courtney will take a written test in an attempt to qualify for the State Bee (and maybe eventually the National Bee) later this spring

Congratulations, Courtney!

## Over \$1500 raised for Bethany Christian Services

Students in grades K-6 raised over \$1,200 in the month of December. In addition, 1/2 of the offering of over \$600 at the K-4 Christmas program will go toward Bethany Christian Services, giving a total of over \$1,500 (the last of the gifts were being counted at the time of this article).

Bethany provides services to needy expectant parents; support for parents who are providing foster care and who are preparing to adopt children; and helps needy families stay together. Bethany provided each elementary student with baby bottles for the students to fill with change (and bills!) and return to school. Many students filled their bottles several times.

Praise the Lord for Bethany and for His providence for us and for Bethany in this endeavor!

## One Act Team to Perform

The CMCS One Act Team is busy preparing and rehearsing their next performance. This year they are presenting "The Handicapper General" by Kurt Vonnegut and adapted by Pat Cook.

In the year 2081 everybody is finally equal. And if they're not, the Handicapper General equips them with devices to make sure they are. Full of eccentric characters, such as George, Hazel and ballerinas weighted down with bird-shot, this wild tale is definitely thought provoking.

The cast this year is made up of three seniors (Angela Broten, Ariana Groen, and Shara Leinger) and four juniors (Peter Hibma, Hannah Freese, Kristina Hankel, and Jordan Swart) several who are returning performers from last year.

The One Act play will be performed for the public on Saturday, January 23 at 7:00 pm. in the high school gym.

## Spelling Bee Finals - Tuesday, January 26

Twenty students from grades 5-8 will compete in the CMCS finals of the 2010 Spelling Bee, which will be in the high school gym at 2 pm. on Tuesday, January 26. The 20 finalists will be chosen after competitions within each class in grades 5-8.

You are welcome to come and support our students and also challenge your spelling ability with the words presented to the students.

## School Board Elections

The new year has just begun, and it is already time to think ahead to April! At our Annual Society meeting we will be electing new Board members to fill vacancies in three positions: two Prinsburg positions and the at-large position will be open.

Nomination for a Board vacancy may be of two forms: the Board will nominate two persons for each vacancy and a member of the Society may file for the vacancy.

Any interested Society member from the supporting Society where the vacancy occurs or any Society member for an at-large position may file for the vacancy. A person who wishes to file for a vacancy shall present his/her name to the Board prior to February 15.

All persons nominated by the Board for a vacancy or who file for a Board vacancy shall sign a statement verifying agreement with Articles II and III of the Central Minnesota Christian School Constitution and agreement with the Mission Statement and Goals and Objectives of the school.

## The 3 Choices Most Americans Avoid

Do you know how the gifts God has given you will be divided should something happen to you this year?

You only have three choices for who will be the next steward of those resources, whether you have much or little:

Your Heirs  
Charity  
The Government  
(through taxes and fees)

These choices present a problem that impacts a large majority of Americans: by taking no action on the above three choices, most people leave it up to the Government to decide what to do with their children and assets after they die.

As thoughtful disciples, Christians with a “stewardship mindset” have a different perspective. They understand that everything they have belongs to God, and take steps to decide the guardianship of their children and where their hard-earned savings and other assets will be used after their lifetimes.

A staggering 70% of all Americans do not have an up-to-date Will or Estate Plan. Our friends at Barnabas Foundation are ready to serve you – confidentially and at no cost to you. Drawing on their 30 years of estate planning expertise, they can help you create a custom-built plan that fulfills your family and ministry goals.

For a FREE copy of “5 Smart Things You Can Do Today To Help Your Family Tomorrow” simply contact Kevin Wassenaar at Central Minnesota Christian School at (320) 978-8700 or [kevinw@willmarnet.com](mailto:kevinw@willmarnet.com).

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### 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.



Amount given to CMCS in November and December: \$14,200

**COLD WEATHER IS HERE!!** Coats, mittens, hats, gloves, and boots are necessities in this kind of weather! New 2 You is glad to be able to offer all of these items for very affordable prices. If you have extra warm clothes taking up room in your closets, please bring it to the New 2 You Thrift Store or drop it off at CMCS. We also have room in our furniture room now so clean out the basement and bring in your gently used furniture or working appliances.

The New 2 You Thrift Store is happy to announce that our store won a grant with West Central Sanitation and Q102 for a Community Spotlight that is being aired on Q102 for the month of January. The ad is on five times a day everyday for the whole month of January. Check it out on 102.5 FM!

New 2 You Managers  
Darci Post  
Becky Zondervan

### **New 2 You Thrift Store Saturday Parent Schedule**

#### **1/9/10**

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

#### **1/16/10**

Dave and Jill Brouwer  
Brian and Lynette Bloomquist  
Jon and Jodi Ammermann

#### **1/23/10**

Lanne and Lori Roelofs  
Chad and Sonia Ulferts  
Steve and Donna Broten

#### **1/30/10**

Daryl and Kay Hillers  
Scott and Lexi Wubben  
Nolan and Rhonda Slagter

### **Board Items:**

1. A motion was seconded and passed to pair with another school for varsity baseball. Athletic Director Daryl Vander Well will pursue such an agreement.
2. A motion was seconded and passed to waive the absence policy for a family who is going on a short-term mission trip.
3. Treasurer Jason Schwitters and Mr. Van Der Puy will present the salary study at the Board meeting at the end of January.
4. Board visits were presented. All of the visits were very positive.
5. The Board received many cards of thanks for the gift of hams presented to staff members.

### **Annual Campaign Going Well!**

CMCS would like to say a huge Thank You to everyone who remembered our Annual Campaign in their year-end giving! God has once again richly blessed us through the generosity of his people. To date we have collected \$282,812 towards our goal of \$500,000!

This is a fantastic start, yet we also realize we have a ways to go. Please keep CMCS in your prayers as we get ready to begin our second semester. Your support, both prayerfully and financially, is greatly needed and appreciated!

### **Wanted: K & Pre-K Families!**

We have begun sending out information to prospective kindergarten and pre-k families. If you have a child who is this age and not currently enrolled at CMCS or know of someone interested in CMCS, please let us know. We'll send out the information!

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## January

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
M	18	JHGBB @ MACCRAY
T	19	BBB host RCW JHGBB @ RCW
W	20	Report cards mailed
Th	21	GBB host Canby JHGBB @ CCS
F	22	BBB host Canby
S	23	One Act Play - 7 pm. HS gym
M	25	GBB host Hancock
T	26	Spelling Bee - 2 pm. HS gym BBB @ YME GBB @ MACCRAY JHGBB @ KMS
Th	28	BBB @ MACCRAY
F	29	Class change deadline GBB @ Minneota
S	30	Subsection One Act Competition

## February

T	2	JHGBB host CCS GBB host ECHO Charter BBB @ Minneota
Th	4	JHGBB host RCW GBB host KMS
F	5	BBB host KMS
S	6	One Act Play - Section
M	8	JHGBB host CCS BBB @ Hancock
T	9	JHGBB host KMS GBB @ Dawson-Boyd
Th	11	JHGBB host MACCRAY
M	15	NO SCHOOL - President's Day