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Harvest Festival

Central Minnesota Christian School hosts their annual Harvest Festival in the Prinsburg High School gym on Saturday, November 21.

The night includes a freewill Ham Supper and Silent Auction; both starting at 4:30 pm. Live auction at 6:00 pm. Stop by the General Store or International Bakery for holiday arrangements and gifts; satisfy a craving at the Sweet Shoppe or Snack Shack. Keep the kids entertained at the Kid's Carnival. Those in grades 7-12 are welcome to the Teen Scene at 6:30 pm.

Join us for a night of fun, food, and fellowship!

New CMCS "Prayer Force" to Form -- Members Wanted

We are forming a new Prayer Force -- in addition to the Prayer Warriors program, which continues to operate. While the Prayer warriors focuses on CMCS, its students, and its staff on mostly a day-to-day basis, the new Prayer Force will focus on the future of CMCS. It's purpose will be to seek God's blessings in our future; to ask Him to impart His wisdom -- not to the Prayer Force, but to the CMCS Board and constituency; and to ask Him to unify us as a school constituency so that we may move forward in His will.

If you would like to enlist in the Prayer Force, please call Larry Van Otterloo at school at (320) 978-8700. By the way -- we're always taking new Prayer Warriors, also!!

Parent-Teacher Conferences - November 9 and 10

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, November 9 and 10. We will dismiss school at 2 pm. on Monday, November 9. Conferences will be held at 6:00 pm. - 9:00 pm. (elementary) and 7:00 pm. - 9:00 pm. (junior high and high school). On Tuesday, the conferences will run from 1:00 pm. - 5:00 pm. and 6:00 pm. - 9:00 pm. (elementary) and 7:00 pm. - 9:00 pm. (junior high and high school). We ask that you arrive no later than 8:30 pm. each night.

The elementary conferences will take place in elementary classrooms. The elementary conference schedule will be in the *Blue Sheet*. For these conferences, we ask that you be on time. The junior high and high school conferences will take place in the high school gym. For all conferences, we ask that everyone please keep things as positive as possible, take student report cards with you, ask good questions, and help us to stay on schedule by holding the conferences to under 15 minutes each, if at all possible.

School Board members will be present for new family conferences. Each new family will receive a letter with details of conference time and place. Board members will also be present to speak with other families.

Central Minnesota Christian School invites you to join us in honoring our veterans at an assembly to be held on Wednesday, November 11 at 1:00 pm. in the high school gymnasium.

Board Notes of November 2, 2009:

1. The 2010-2011 calendar as presented by Mr. Van Der Puy was approved.
 2. Mr. Van Der Puy noted that a 1996 Thomas bus was purchased at a cost of \$4200.
 3. A motion was passed to provide independent learning courses worth 0.5 credits each. Staff may design these courses for a \$200 stipend. All courses must have administration approval.
 4. The previous decision not to pursue pairing was rescinded. Further discussion will take place.
 5. A motion was passed to revise the goals set forth by the Goals Committee as follows:
Central Minnesota Christian School strives to be a place where students...
 - * Develop and grow in their relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
 - * Learn to discern God's will for their lives
 - * Discover their God-given talents and learn to use them for the benefit of His Kingdom
 - * Love, encourage, and accept one another with the attitude of a servant
 - * View the universe as being created and sustained by a loving God and worship Him accordingly
 - * Acquire a life-long passion for learning more about God's Word and God's world.
- * Use the instruction, resources and technology available to achieve the highest standards of excellence in education
 6. A motion was passed to allow students who are 4 by January 1 to enroll in Sonshine 4K for the Spring semester with the understanding that they will enroll for a full year of 4K next year. This will be a trial year.
 7. The Board began to review section 200 of the policy manual. Further review will take place at the November 30 meeting.
 8. A motion was passed to add the Goals Committee as a non-constitutional committee.
 9. The decision regarding recommendations of the bullying taskforce from August was rescinded. Mr. Van Der Puy is instructed to put together a task group to set forth a plan to implement an effective program that addresses the findings of the bullying task force.
 10. A motion was passed to change the membership of the Promotion Committee to consist of the Development Director, one member of the Development Committee, one teacher, one parent, and 2-3 members at large. A Board member will serve as the chair of this committee.

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.

H1N1 Vaccination Clinic Offered

There will be a community based clinic for 5-9 year old students on Tuesday, November 17th at the Health and Human Services Building Multipurpose Room in Willmar.

More details will follow as they are provided to the school by the public health office.



Amount given to CMCS in September: \$8,900

Winter coats, boots, sweaters, and sweatshirts are moving fast with this unusually cold fall weather! The Christmas trees and decorations are out and selling fast! Donations of winter wear such as all sizes of coats, hats, mittens, and boots are so appreciated throughout the season of cold weather.

The New 2 You Volunteer Appreciation Banquet will be held on Thursday, November 19 at the CMCS High School gym. The New 2 You Thrift Store would not exist without all of the hard work that these faithful volunteers donate weekly! Please help us honor all of their hard work by being willing to make a dessert for the banquet or share a talent that you have for the banquet program. Call Sandy Wubben 978-8238 or Karen Marcus 978-8401 to volunteer for either/both of these things. Thank you for your willingness!

Wanted: Your Talent for the Harvest Festival

Do you have time, talent, or treasures that you would be willing to donate to this year's Harvest Festival auction? If you have been thinking about donating something for the last few years, but haven't done it, now is your chance! We would love to hear from you soon because the big day is approaching quickly! Contact Traci Grussing at 320-235-2185 or Natalie Vander Beek at 320-978-6413. Listed below are a few suggestions, but other ideas are welcome.

- *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
- *Used car, boat or camper

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.

The choir will be using the talents of several CMCS student pianist/accompanists, performing such pieces as "Peaceful, Silent Night", "Do you Hear What I Hear?" and "Jubilate Deo". The band will be performing such pieces as "Christmas Fanfares", "Three Ayres From Gloucester", and "Twas the Night Before Christmas". This last piece will be a special treat as it will feature CMCS Superintendent Mr. Pete Van Der Puy as our guest narrator.

Grades 5 -8 Concert

The CMCS Grades 5-8 Bands Christmas Concert will feature three bands: the 5th grade Band, the 6th grade band, and the 7-8 grade band. The majority of the music will be directly related to a Christmas theme. The 5th graders will be performing "Christmas Cheer", among others. The 6th graders will be performing "Tidings of Joy", "Angels We Have Heard On High" and "Kings of Christmas", -including a special surprise piece.

The incredible 7-8 graders will be performing such Christmas pieces as "The Little Drummer Boy", "Four Carols for Christmas", and "Festive Yuletide Cameos". Another special treat will be the 7-8 Clarinet Ensemble performing "What Child is This?". Do not miss hearing these talented 5-8 grade young musicians!

The CMCS 5-8 Choir will be singing "Worship the King" followed by a sing-along to Silent Night. The 5-6 chorus will be using bells to sing a song about a Carillon. The 7-8 will be singing about the birth of our King. A Christmas medley will surely get you into the Christmas spirit. We have been working hard to praise God with our voices and you will see what a joy this will be. The 5-8 choirs are directed by Shauna Eilts.

Both Christmas concerts will be held in the high school gym starting at 7:00 pm.

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November

M 9 Dismissal at 2:00 pm.
Parent Teacher Confernces
6:00 pm. (elem.)
7:00 pm. (jr. high and high
school) - 9:00 pm.

T 10 Parent Teacher Confernces
1-4 pm. and 6:00 pm. (elem.)
7:00 pm. (jr. high and high
school) - 9:00 pm.
NO SCHOOL

W 11 Veteran's Assembly - 1:00 pm.

Th 12 JH BBB host KMS - 4:15 pm.

F/S 13/14 Dordt One Act Festival

M 16 GBB begins

M 16 JH BBB host BOLD - 4:00 pm.

T 17 New 2 You Banquet

Th-T 19-23 Washington DC trip

S 21 Harvest Festival -4:30 - 8:00 pm.

M 23 JH BBB @ RCW - 4:15 pm.
BBB begins

T 24 JH BBB host Willmar CC -
4:00 pm.

W 25 Probation notes sent home

Th-F 26-27 Thanksgiving - NO SCHOOL

M 29 Thanksgiving - NO SCHOOL

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.

W 23 School dismissed at 2:00 pm.

Th-F 24-Jan. 1 NO SCHOOL-
Christmas vacation

January

M 4 School resumes