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CMCS Drama Department to Stage "UKRAINIACS"

Come on in and join us as three topsy-turvy Ukrainian stories are brought to life by a troupe of youthful skommadai (storytellers) traveling on a cultural exchange tour of the United States.

In "The Blabbermouth," a clever woodsman devises an ingenious ruse to keep a buried treasure a secret, despite his gossipy wife. The next story tells of the goofy, cellar-dwelling "Puff Monster," who bites off more than it can chew. The trio is complete with the classic "Sirko and the Wolf," in which canine cousins outwit a cranky, noodle-wielding Babushka and make their wildest dreams come true. This uproariously funny and fast-paced production will make audiences of all ages wish they too could be... "Ukrainiacs!"

Visit the school website to find out more about our cast and crew! www.cmcschool.org

Tickets are now on sale in the CMCS high school office for our productions on March 26, 27, and 28. Prices are \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for K-12 students, Pre-K and under are free. Pick up your tickets early to ensure great seats!

Sonshine Pre-K Open House

We will hold an Open House for all potential pre-k students and their parents on Friday, March 13.

Tours of the elementary building will begin at 6:30 pm. At 7:00 pm. in the elementary library Mrs. Van Otterloo, Pre-K teacher and Mr. Van Otterloo, elementary principal, will present important information. Personnel will be on hand in the pre-k room so these children can play in and get acquainted with the room!

Kindergarten Parent Open House

We will hold an Open house for all parents of prospective kindergarteners (no students, please) on Friday, March 27, at 7:00 pm. in the elementary library. Current pre-k students will be introduced to the kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Jasper, and to the kindergarten room during a school day.

The last two years, we did not have "kindergarten roundup", because so many of our pre-k students continued on to kindergarten here at CMCS. As a result, we have found that some parents have missed important information.

All parents of current pre-k students should attend this meeting!

CMCS staff position openings for 2009-2010

Teaching Positions

Full time **fifth grade teacher**

Full time **Spanish** teaching position for Spanish I, II, and III; 1st semester 8th grade Spanish; Vocab Novel course, and English 9.

Band/Choir Director for grades 5-12 instrumental and grades 9-12 vocal choir.

Knowledge Bowl Coach

Jr. High Knowledge Bowl coach

Bus Drivers

CMCS will possibly be in need of 2 bus drivers.

JH and Varsity Baseball Coaches

CMCS is still looking for coaches for this spring season.

Qualified candidates should send a letter of inquiry to the attention of Mr. Van Der Puy at POB 98, Prinsburg, MN 56281 or send an email to petevdp@willmarnet.com.

February 16 Board Notes

1. The Board approved a 3% increase in teacher salary.
2. Teacher contracts were discussed and approved.
3. Approval was given for combining both sections of Kindergarten on Fridays for next year.
4. Approval was given to offer 1/2 day Pre-k on Fridays for next year if at least 8 families choose it.
5. Approval was given to begin an eBay Giving Works site as a branch of the New 2 You Thrift Store. Renae Slagter has volunteered to be the contact person and the direct seller for the store.

Brian Bonnema Wins CMCS Spelling Bee, Places 3rd in Region, Advances to Multi-Region State Spelling Bee!

Eighth grader Brian Bonnema won the CMCS Spelling Bee which was held January 26. As the winning contestant, he won an electronic dictionary and the right to compete at the Region Spelling Bee in Redwood Falls on February 17.

Brian then placed 3rd at Region and qualified for the Multi-Region State Bee in March.

We'll let you know how he does there!
Congratulations, Brian! Great job!

What Legacy Will You Leave?

We all desire significance. And for many of us, there is a compelling need to make a difference – to leave a lasting impact on the people most dear to us and the world in which we live. The search for significance and desire to plan for the future leads many to ponder their legacy.

What kind of legacy will you leave? A bequest is perhaps the easiest and most tangible way to have a lasting impact on the people and organizations that mean the most to you. And a bequest may be an effective way to make a gift and lessen the burden of taxes on your family and on your estate.

Mark and Linda were volunteers for many years with Central Minnesota Christian School. The ministry of Central Minnesota Christian School was very important to them. They already made current gifts, but wanted to do more. They learned that they could help by making a bequest. Their attorney revised their Will to include a provision gifting a percentage of their estate to Central Minnesota Christian School.

Mark and Linda liked the fact that the bequest was easy to do, they could continue to use their assets during their lives, and their estate would be permitted a charitable deduction for the gift at their death. Best of all, the bequests would help achieve their goals by furthering Central Minnesota Christian School's mission far into the future.

For a FREE copy of "Is it time to update your estate plan?" contact Kevin Wassenaar at Central Minnesota Christian School at (320) 978-8700 or kevinw@willmarnet.com.

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Why Should I Give?

I am a keyboard composer. I sit down at my computer, turn on the iTunes, and let my thoughts travel out of my fingers, through the keyboard, and onto the paper. Currently my iTunes is playing a fantastic song by a group called Gateway Worship. The title of the song is "The Lord Reigns." These are the lyrics that struck me this morning:

Let all the people sing of Your awesome power in all the earth!

Let darkness tremble at Your Name!

Why do the nations rage when the King is on His throne?

Now and forever You will reign

*The Lord reigns, the Lord reigns,
The Lord reigns, we will sing and shout!
You reign, You reign, You reign,
forever King of all!*

Once again I am reminded of our amazing God and why we do what we do here at CMCS!

Many of us ask ourselves, "Why should I give to Christian education during these tough economic times? Will it require sacrifice?"

Are these bad questions? I don't think so. I believe these are the kinds of questions that we need to ask ourselves to be responsible stewards of what God has entrusted to us. They are important questions to which we all should know the answers.

So why give to Christian education, and in particular, Central Minnesota Christian School, at such a time as this? To help us complete our mission: "to provide a Christ-centered, quality education to equip students for a life of service."

Let's not misinterpret the last few words of this mission statement. A life of service does not mean meek and timid slaves that fit as another gear into a big machine. A life of service is far more than that. We are striving to raise up Christian young people to go out and face the world head on as leaders in their respective

fields, bringing every aspect of creation under the lordship of Jesus Christ, seeking justice to a wayward culture, working tirelessly to fix a broken world! What an honor and what a privilege to be an agent in God's great plan to bring His Kingdom to fruition! *The Lord reigns! Forever King of all!*

Our mission is what drives everything we do here at CMCS. Please take some time to visit our website (www.cmcschool.org) and check out our philosophy of education, our educational goals, and the basis of our education.

This task of raising up agents of change for God's Kingdom is something that CMCS cannot do on its own. It takes home, church, community, and school working together with God's help to make this happen.

Currently we have raised \$227,000 towards our Annual Campaign needs of \$500,000. In this tough economic time, it will take a community to help CMCS reach our goal and assist families with the cost of tuition to provide Christian education for the students in our classrooms. Mike Pluimer, current CMCS Board member, has decided to run another Ironman Triathlon in order to help us raise funds towards meeting these goals through the Janus Challenge. Over the next couple of weeks you will hear more about this.

Please join us in the mission of Central Minnesota Christian School! To our supporting community we thank you for your faithfulness and generous contributions! And remember, the Lord reigns!

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!"
Ephesians 3:20 - 21.

CENTRAL LINK

The Building committee continues to meet and work on building plans. This committee made the recommendation to the school Board favoring new construction. This took much discussion and prayer to reach this decision and now we are in the process of meeting and seeking God's will in how this may come about. One of the committee's next steps is to secure an architect to guide us through the next phase of the planning process.

As part of this process, this committee will be visiting other schools to seek information that will help in developing a plan for construction. As we continue looking at plans, including site location, our vision for CMCS remains the same: "Train a child in the way he/she should go, and when he/she is old, he/she will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day will be held Friday, April 3. The K-6 music program for grandparents will be at 10:30 am. After the K-6 program, approximately at noon, the grandparents of all students in grades K-6 are invited to lunch in the gym. After lunch, the students will be dismissed for an afternoon of fun with their grandparents so it really is important for grandparents to come, if they can.

The K-4 music program for the public and parents will be held Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 pm. in the high school gym.

Wanted: Pre-K and Kindergarten Families!

CMCS has been sending out information to prospective pre-k and kindergarten families. If you have not received this information, call Larry Van Otterloo at 320-978-8700. We also encourage you to give us names of families who are interested in sending their children to CMCS.

Thanks

CMCS expresses heartfelt thanks for the gifts given in memory of:

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These gifts were designated towards the CMCS Foundation, the Music Fund, and the Elementary Fund.

Thank You!

Thank you for the donation of a trumpet and alto saxophone to our music department.

We appreciate this gift and know that they will be used frequently!

Michelle Mulder/CMCS Music Department

Congratulations!

CMCS extends congratulations to Scott and Taryn Buteyn, teachers at CMCS, on the birth of their daughter.

Alysia Joy Buteyn was born Tuesday, March 3. She weighed 8 lb. 12 oz. and measured 21". Alysia is their first child.

We wish them God's blessings and joy as they raise Alysia for Him.

New 2 You Thrift Store Schedule

March 14

Randy and Christy Groen
Jason and Stacy Schwitters
Lenny Schwitters Josh Mulder

March 21

Kevin and Roxie Covert
Curt and Debbie Swart
Clay and Bridgette VenOsdel

March 28

Wes and Judy Wieberdink
David and Andrea Daugherty
Rick and Lynn Henning

April 4

Bob and Mary Beth Pollema
Doug and Kim Erickson
Chuck and Sandy Leininger

TRIP Update

Just a reminder:

We have **Cashwise**, **Cub** and **Wal-Mart** gift cards on hand in the high school office for you to purchase during the week. If you need large amounts of any of them PLEASE try and order them on your Tuesday weekly order. This way we will have enough on hand for those who only need 1 or 2 of the cards and we won't run out so quickly. Thanks for your cooperation.

Increase:

Best Buy has increased their discount to 3%.

New 2 You News

New 2 You is looking forward to warmer temperatures! We are currently putting out the spring and summer clothing. You can't beat our prices: tank tops - \$2.00, swimsuits - \$3.00, shorts - \$3.00, and capris - \$4.00. You now have your choice of dressing rooms to try the clothes on; one dressing room upstairs and an improved room on the main floor.

Upstairs, we have a large inventory of beautiful NEW wedding and prom dresses donated by Weddings On First. The new formals are marked down because of slight imperfections. We have great deals on used formals also.

Anytime you are in Willmar and have time, PLEASE stop in. We can always use your help even if you don't have all day. Also, we are looking to have an overseer supervise half a day every 6th Saturday. This simply requires opening the store or closing it, answering phones and questions, showing the Saturday workers what to do, and making sure someone is running the till.

Please call Becky at the store- 320-231-1850 or at 320-220-0164 if you are at all interested or want more information.

We LOVE your donations and your donated time! We are a TEAM: from workers, to managers, to donors. Together, we make New 2 You successful! So far this year, we have given CMCS \$10,000.

Manager of volunteers – Becky Zondervan
Manager of business – Darci Post

Volunteers needed

Plans are being made for this year's 4th of July celebration.

We don't have enough volunteers for the concession stand or the carnival. If you could help us out with a shift at one of these events we would really appreciate it. Please call Rollin and Tessa Evink at 320-978-4806 for more information.

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March

M	9	Softball begins Track begins Large Group Music Contest
Th	12	BBB Sub Section
F	13	Pre K Roundup Probation notes GBB Sub Section
S	14	BBB Sub Section
M	16	Baseball begins
Th	19	BBB Sub Section
F	20	3rd quarter ends
W	25	Report cards mailed
Th-S	26-28	Spring play - 7:00 HS gym
F	27	Kindergarten Open House
T	31	Fine Arts Night 6:00 - 9:00 pm

April

Th	2	K-4 Music program
F	3	Grandparents' Day
S	4	Solo/Ensemble Day
Th-M	9-13	Spring break - NO SCHOOL
T	14	Annual meeting - 7:30 pm.
W	15	Probation notes
F	17	Host/Hostess Supper
T	21	Spring Concert - 7:00 pm.
F	24	Middle School Concert-7:00 pm.