
Central Christian School

Winterim 2026

Course Description Catalog

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**God has given
each of you a gift
from his great
variety of spiritual
gifts.
Use them well to
serve one another.
1 Peter 4:10**

Winterim at Central Minnesota Christian School provides innovative curricula to engage students in week-long purposeful learning experiences. Students will explore a variety of subjects outside of the traditional school curriculum, exposing them to new ideas, potential careers, and lifetime skills.

Christian teachers and community mentors support students in unveiling their unique passions, abilities, and professional experiences. They desire to see students discover and develop their talents and grow in confidence as children of God.

Learning beyond the traditional classroom increases students' momentum and desire to learn, advancing Central Minnesota Christian School's mission of providing a Christ-centered, quality education that equips students for a life of service. This includes college, careers, community, abundant faith, and even rest and enjoyment.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please read course descriptions carefully for content, class size limitations, fees, and applicable grade levels. Additional policies are listed on the next page.

REGISTRATION

Students will be emailed a Google Form on which to rank their course preferences. Registration priority may be given to upperclassmen. However, all students should understand that class choice may not be guaranteed due to class size limits. Final schedules will be available in FACTS prior to Christmas break.

LOCATION

Winterim classes may be offered both on and off campus depending on the nature of the class. Permission slips will be needed for students driving to Winterim destinations that are not at school. Permission slips will also be needed for students to ride with another student to Winterim locations that are not at school. If permission is not given the student must take all Winterim classes and eat lunch on campus. Please find the permission slips located on the last page of the Winterim Registration Catalog. Locations are listed in the course descriptions and on the master schedule.

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Credits

Winterim credits are required for graduation. Students will earn a total of 0.5 elective credits per Winterim. This credit is earned by taking two half-day classes. Winterim courses may not be substituted for regular courses required for graduation. Please see the Student Academic Pathway for further information regarding credits and overall graduation requirements.

Attendance

Due to the concentrated framework of Winterim, consistent attendance is very important. Parents are strongly discouraged from stretching Christmas vacation into Winterim.

Even one absence is significant and may result in students being ineligible to pass the course. Absences will be considered on an individual basis, taking into account the purpose or reason of the absence and whether arrangements can be made to make up for missed work.

Pass/Fail

All Winterim courses will be graded on a Pass/Fail basis. A failed Winterim course must be made up through an assigned Independent Study arranged with administration.

Fees

Some project-based Winterim courses will require a fee to supplement the cost of materials. Fees are listed in the course descriptions and are due at the HS Office by December 20, 2025. Checks should be written out to Central.

If materials are needed for the course, instructors will communicate those items to students after registration is finalized. Students will meet with their instructors on December 15th during squads and 15 minutes during the noon lunch break to get a introduction to the courses they are registered for.

Winterim Schedule

*Course includes a supply fee or materials list

AM SESSION | 8:30-11:00

LUNCH BREAK | 11:00-12:45

PM SESSION | 12:45-3:15

12:00-12:30 Lunch in the cafeteria.

AM SESSIONS	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION
Archery Hunting - White Tails	Mr. Rothstein	Rothstein's Room
Baking Up Blessings	Mrs. Brouwer	Unity CRC Kitchen
Career Exploration	Mrs. Antony	Off Campus
Creative Writing Workshop: Worldbuilding	Mr. Abrams	Abrams' Room
Community Emergency Preparedness & Response*	Mrs. Debi Brandt	Various Locations
Ice Fishing: Catch, Clean, & Cook*	Mr. Stier	Off Campus
Intro to Golf	Mr. Buteyn	Buteyn's Room/Simulator
Printmaking	Mrs. Setrum and Mr. Buehler	Setrum's Room
Sewing for Beginners*	Mrs. Slagter	Bulthuis' Room
The Ultimate Data Video Game - Spreadsheets!	Miss Groen	Groen's Room
Sports = Life	Mr. Hodge	High School Gym

PM SESSIONS	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION
Agriculture Business	Various Instructors	Various Community Locations
Calling and Sacrifice in Band of Brothers	Mr. Buteyn	Buteyn's Room
Career Exploration	Mrs. Antony	Off Campus
Cooking Basics	Mr. Buehler	First CRC Kitchen
Grit Don't Quit	Mrs. Lenae Bulthuis	Off Campus
Fishing Basics	Mr. Rothstein	Rothstein's Classroom
Modern Day Charm*	Various Instructors	Brouwer's Room
Not Bored Games	Mr. Abrams	Abrams' Room
Sewing for Beginners*	Mrs. Slagter	Bulthuis' Room
The Ultimate Competition	Miss Groen	Groen's Room

course descriptions

Agriculture Business

Agriculture Business includes a wide variety of companies, operations, and individuals. Join us as we explore the business of agriculture from farm operations - grain and livestock, seed and agrochemical manufacturers, and agricultural construction. Location and instructors for the week include, Chris Schlegel/Keegan Mammen- Max Seed Solutions, Shane Miller - Miller Hogs, Beck's Plant in Olivia, and Jeff Duinick - Duinick Companies.

Teacher: Various Teachers	Grade Level: 9-12	Schedule: PM Session	Location: Various Locations
Class Size Limit: 14	Student Fee: None		

Archery Hunting - Whitetails

Are you interested in learning about archery or want to learn about how to be a more successful deer hunter? Then this class is for you. You'll learn about recurves, compound and crossbows; how to shoot them, set them up and maintain them. After that we'll explore whitetail behavior and their habits, you learn to read maps and cyber-scout an area. As we wrap up the class we'll head out into the field and explore some public lands to find out if your cyber-scouting is correct. We'll look at how to hunt an area successfully based on the information we found.

Teacher: Mr. Rothstein	Grade Level: 10-12	Schedule: AM Session	Location: Mr. Rothstein's Room
Class Size Limit: 12	Student Fee: None		

Baking Up Blessings

Do you have a sweet tooth? Like to bake, want to learn how to, or like to bless others? Baking is a great way to relieve stress, relax, and exercise your creativity. Students will gain hands-on experience making a variety of common baked goods. This course may feature some community guests baking their specialties with us. Beware that you might get dirty. Join to enjoy the art of baking and using it to bless others!

Teacher: Mrs. Brouwer	Grade Level: 10-12	Schedule: AM Session	Location: Unity CRC
Class Size Limit: 8	Student Fee: None		

Calling and Sacrifice in Band of Brothers

Journey through the European Theater of World War II alongside Easy Company as we trace their path from America to Germany. Students will examine how these young men were shaped by their experiences and the challenges they faced. Together, we'll explore central themes such as leadership, integrity, courage, resilience, and legacy. Additionally, students will reflect on how the ideas of calling and sacrifice lie at the heart of the Christian life.

Note: Band of Brothers contains strong language and graphic wartime violence. Much of this content will be filtered through ClearPlay to ensure appropriateness while preserving the authenticity and impact of these historical events.

Teacher: Mr. Buteyn	Grade Level: 9-12	Schedule: PM Session	Location: Mr. Buteyn's Room
Class Size Limit: None (Boys Only)	Student Fee: None		

course descriptions continued

Career Exploration

Juniors and Seniors may use the week of Winterim to participate in a job-shadow experience. This is a great opportunity to explore careers, ask questions, and gain firsthand experience with the day-to-day operations of a chosen workplace. The job-shadow experience may be scheduled for either a half day or a full day, depending on the site and student interest.

Important: All job-shadow sites must be arranged and approved by Mrs. Antony before Winterim week begins. Students are responsible for securing their own placements and submitting all required information by the designated deadline.

Teacher: Mrs. Antony	Grade Level: 11-12	Schedule: AM and/or PM Session	Location: Off Campus
Class Size Limit: None	Student Fee: None		

Community Emergency Preparedness & Response Class

Join this fun and interactive class where you'll begin the week learning First Aid using Chain of Survival to teach the basics, including injury prevention, and when to get help. You'll end the week learning CPR, how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), and help someone who is choking. You will also explore the Prinsburg fire hall including the first responder vehicle and fire trucks, along with a tour of the Raymond ambulance. Cory Thorson, sales manager from Alex Air Apparatus will be on site to showcase different equipment and discuss and demonstrate how it supports rescue operations. At the end of this class you will be dual certified in First Aid and CPR from the American Heart Association and on your way to becoming an important part of your community who will be able to act confidently in emergencies.

Teacher: Various Teachers	Grade Level: 10-12	Schedule: AM Session	Location: High School Library/Various Community Locations
Class Size Limit: 15	Student Fee: \$10 for supplies/Additional \$25 for American Heart Association certification card.		

Cooking Basics

Feel lost in a kitchen? Afraid of a chef's knife? Ever wonder how someone can open their fridge and know exactly what to make? Join me for "cooking basics" as we learn our way around the kitchen. From searing to roasting, frying to reducing-this class will help you gain confidence in the kitchen and grow in your appreciation of one of God's greatest gifts: food!

Teacher: Mr. Buehler	Grade Level: 10-12	Schedule: PM Session	Location: First CRC
Class Size Limit: 8	Student Fee: None		

Creative Writing Workshop: Worldbuilding

Participate in a week-long worldbuilding writer's workshop to develop your writing skills and exercise your creativity. In this workshop each student will get to build a world in which they would like to tell a story. As a part of this workshop we will be watching and examining The Fellowship of the Ring to learn about making a fictional world feel "real" and relatable to readers. Students will receive feedback from both peers and myself as we work together to refine their creative process. We will also be doing a brief stint in cartography where students will have a chance to imagine and design a map for their world.

Teacher: Mr. Abrams	Grade Level: 9-12	Schedule: AM Session	Location: Mr. Abrams' Room
Class Size Limit: None	Student Fee: None		

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Grit Don't Quit

Standing strong when the pressures on. When was the last time you felt like giving up or wondered what really mattered? Spiritual grit is the key to standing strong in your faith no matter what you face. We'll go remote to engage with inspiring guest speakers and explore the important "why" and "how-to" for the spiritual tools that make all the difference to being a girl with grit. You'll have fun discovering what it looks like to be resilient in your faith.

Teacher: Lenae Bulthuis and Megan Taatjes Grade Level: 10-12 Schedule: PM Session Location: Off Campus

Class Size Limit: 8 (Girls Only) Student Fee: None

Fishing Basics

Do you like to fish? Are you wanting to take your fishing skills to the next level? Then this course is for you. We will start out by learning the basics of fishing (rods, reels, knots, and different types of fishing styles). You'll then learn about several different species of fish and how to target them at different times of the year. We'll look at lake maps to determine the best locations on local lakes to find fish.

After that you'll hone/build your skills by having casting competitions (casting into a circle and pail, and skipping your lure under structure). These will be at varying distances and will help with casting accuracy.

If you don't have a rod/reel or tackle, I'll have plenty that you can use. You can bring your own if you have it.

This course is going to be geared towards the new fisherman/fisherwoman, so if you're a seasoned angler this course might not be for you.

Teacher: Mr. Rothstein Grade Level: 9-12 Schedule: PM Session Location: Mr. Rothstein's Room

Class Size Limit: 16 Student Fee: Fishing license fee

Ice Fishing: Catch, Clean, & Cook

Join us out on the ice for some fishing, fellowship, and food! Mr. Stier will be teaching you the basics of ice fishing, cleaning fish, and cooking your catch. Over the course of the week, students will learn how to: (1) identify different species of fish and types of bait/lures to attract them, (2) tie a lure on the line, (3) read a sonar fishing device (Vexilar), (4) set the hook to catch the fish, (5) spear fish, (6) clean the fish caught, and (7) prepare and cook the fish.

Teacher: Dean Stier Grade Level: 10-12 Schedule: AM Session Location: Off Campus

Class Size Limit: 8 Student Fee: Fishing license fee

Intro to Golf

This course is designed to introduce students to the game of golf: from rules and swing techniques to basic strategy and management. Students desiring to join the class should have little-to-no experience with golf as this will be an introductory session.

Teacher: Mr. Buteyn Grade Level: 9-12 Schedule: AM Session Location: Mr. Buteyn's Room/Simulator

Class Size Limit: 8 Student Fee: None

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Modern Day Charm

In this girls only class, you will learn to exude confidence through style and social grace as you discover what spiritual and physical beauty look like, choose fashions that are flattering and personal (Tina Novotny), and embrace etiquette and hospitality (Shana Duininck & Lora Miller) with activities that are fun and interactive. Hope to see you there!

Teacher: Various Teachers Grade Level: 9-12 Schedule: PM Session Location: Mrs. Brouwer's Room

Class Size Limit: 12 (Girls only) Student Fee: Clothing Purchase Optional at Rev 320

Not Bored Games

Join a week-long journey into the wonderful world of board games! We will be taking a look at several different types of board games, discussing their various characteristics, developing strategies, and of course, playing the games. We will be learning about the importance of planning ahead and picking the right strategy for your play style. Come ready to learn, play, and have fun as Mr. Abrams trounces you in a game of Dune.

Teacher: Mr. Abrams Grade Level: 9-12 Schedule: PM Session Location: Mr. Abrams Room

Class Size Limit: 8 Student Fee: None

Printmaking

In this introductory printmaking class, students will be introduced to the methods of printmaking techniques. Participants will explore the basics of relief and lino cutting, while learning about the history and artistic possibilities of the process. Guided by Mrs. Setrum and Mr. Buehler, students will engage in hands-on projects, experimenting with materials and tools to create their own unique prints. Emphasis will be placed on developing personal style and expression, and finishing the week with a set of prints and or cards.

*Those interested in the class must have taken Introduction to Art or higher level art classes.

Teacher: Mrs. Setrum & Mr. Buehler Grade Level: 9-12 Schedule: AM Session Location: Mrs. Setrum's Room

Class Size Limit: 12 Student Fee: None

Sewing for Beginners

Learn a lifelong skill! We will spend the week sewing a pair of pajama pants, using fabric that you will pick out on a field trip to Hobby Lobby. If you have a sewing machine or can borrow one, bring it along. If you don't, I can make arrangements for you. Band-aids will be supplied for needle accidents.

Teacher: Mrs. Slagter Grade Level: 9-12 Schedule: AM and PM Session Location: Mrs. Bulthuis' Room

Class Size Limit: 10 Per Section Student Fee: \$30 for Fabric

course descriptions continued

"Sports = Life"

Sports - activities involving physical exertion and skill in which an individual or team competes against others for entertainment. Sports are part of every one of our lives - even if you are not an active participant. The lessons that we can learn about healthy habits and the disciplines of relationships, integrated into God's Kingdom by actively pursuing a lifestyle of sporting, are absolutely invaluable.

In this class, we will spend time learning about, and playing some, common sports, all while reflecting on how our participation in these sports not only positively impacts our lives, but also those within our communities.

Teacher: Mr. Hodge Grade Level: 9-12 Schedule: AM Session Location: High School Gym

Class Size Limit: 15 Student Fee: None

The Ultimate Competition

You know how some people make coffee by pressing a button? In a Rube Goldberg competition, you'd make coffee by dropping a marble that hits a lever that lights a candle that pops a balloon that spills the beans — literally. It's all about creativity, teamwork, and a little bit of beautiful nonsense! Teams of two will be competing for a prize! Get more information by searching for Rube Goldberg machines on YouTube. Don't miss out on the ultimate competition!

Teacher: Miss Groen Grade Level: 9-12 Schedule: PM Session Location: Miss Groen's Room

Class Size Limit: None Student Fee: None

The Ultimate Data Video Game - Spreadsheets!

Spreadsheets are like playing a strategy game with your information — you set up rules (formulas), track your score (totals), and unlock achievements (beautiful charts and insights). From keeping track of your bank account, to organizing your athletic stats, to creating visual graphs of your data, spreadsheets are the way to go! They can be useful in almost EVERY occupation. Want to know more, join us for a fun experience of strategy!

Teacher: Miss Groen Grade Level: 9-12 Schedule: AM Session Location: Miss Groen's Room

Class Size Limit: None Student Fee: None

Transportation Permission Slip

Winterim Parent Permission and Release of Liability (Updated 11/11/2025)

Student's Name (printed): _____

Please mark (X) next to the statement(s) that you agree with when transportation is **NOT** possible in school authorized vehicles:

_____ I DO give permission for my student to drive to and/or from Winterim class locations.

_____ I DO give permission for my student to ride with adult or student to and/or from the Winterim class locations.

_____ I DO NOT give permission for my student to ride with adult or student to and/or from the Winterim class locations.
(If permission is not given your student must take all winterim classes on Central Campus.)

By signing this permission/release form, I agree to absolve Central Minnesota Christian School and its employees, any parent, chaperones, and student drivers from any liability associated with driving my student to and from school Winterim activities during the 2025-2026 school year.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Name (printed) _____
