# Central Minnesota Christian School

# Winterim 2027

Course Description Catalog

January 4-7, 2027



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## DISCIPLED INTENTIONALLY

## CHALLENGED ACADEMICALLY

# winterim

**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, gender, 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. Upperclassmen may receive priority registration; however, enrollment in a specific course is not guaranteed for any student due to class size restrictions. 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.

# winterim policies

## 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 booklet 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 16, 2026. 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 11 to get a introduction to the courses they are registered for.
8:30-8:50 AM Session  8:55-9:15 PM Session

## Transportation

When available, teachers will use school vehicles to transport students. However, there are not enough school vans available for all the off campus activities. Please fill out the transportation permission form sent in the weekly update e-mail if you would like to allow your student to take classes off campus. This form is due on December 4.

# 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 |
|---|---|---|
| Build a Business | Miss Pap | Miss Pap's Room |
| Career Exploration | Mrs. Antony | Off Campus |
| Community Emergency Preparedness & Response* | Mrs. Debi Brandt | HS Library/Various Locations |
| Cooking Basics* | Mr. Buehler | First CRC Kitchen |
| Intro to Curling* | Mr. Buteyn | Willmar Curling Club |
| Parenting 101 | Mrs. Bulthuis | Mrs. Slagter's Room |
| Sewing for Beginners* | Mrs. Slagter | Mrs. Bulthuis' Room |
| Speadsheets for Life! | Miss Groen | Miss Groen's Room |
| Sports for Life | Mr. Norman | HS Gym |
| Strong & Nourished | Mrs. Annie Erickson | Mr. Rothstein's Room/Fitness Center |
| Workshop for Ladies | Mr. Rothstein | Industrial Tech Shoproom |

| PM SESSIONS | INSTRUCTOR | LOCATION |
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| A Day in the Business World | Miss Pap | Off Campus/Various Locations |
| Baking Up Blessings | Mrs. Brouwer | Unity CRC Kitchen |
| Beginner Golf* | Mr. Buteyn | Golf Simulator Room |
| Career Exploration | Mrs. Antony | Off Campus |
| GRIT Don't Quit* | Mrs. Taatjes/Mrs. Bulthuis | Off Campus |
| How to Build a World in Four Days | Mr. Abrams | Mr. Abrams' Room |
| Ice Fishing for Beginners* | Mr. Rothstein | Off Campus |
| Parenting 101 | Mrs. Bulthuis | Mrs. Slagter's Room |
| Printmaking | Mrs. Setrum/Mr. Buehler | Mrs. Setrum's Room |
| Sewing for Beginners* | Mrs. Slagter | Mrs. Bulthuis' Room |
| Sports for Life | Mr. Norman | HS Gym |
| The Ultimate Competition* | Miss Groen | Various Classrooms |

# course descriptions

## How to Build a World in Four Days

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: PM Session | Location: Mr. Abrams' Room

Class Size Limit: 15 | Gender: Both | Student Fee/Materials: None

## Strong & Nourished

This class will navigate health, fitness, and nutrition tailored to high school girls. We'll be exploring the foundation of multiple fitness avenues and learn how to fuel our bodies. It's a fun based class to help girls feel stronger, energized, more confident, and excited to move and fuel their bodies. We'll participate in different fitness activities and try various foods. Key Topics: (1) Functional Movement & Strength: Learning how to lift, move, and condition safely while building physical strength and body awareness. (2) Fueling for Energy & Nutrients: Understanding macronutrients, hydration, and reading food labels and ingredients. (3) Building God-fidence: Understanding our worth through God's eyes and how we're all created uniquely in His image.

Teacher: Mrs. Annie Erickson | Grade Level: 9-12 | Schedule: AM Session | Location: Rothstein's Room/Fitness Center

Class Size Limit: 15 | Gender: Females | Student Fee/Materials: None

## Career Exploration

Juniors and seniors may use Winterim week to participate in a job-shadowing experience. This is a great opportunity to explore potential careers, ask questions, and gain firsthand insight into the day-to-day operations of a workplace. Job-shadowing experiences may be scheduled for either a half day or a full day, depending on the site and student interest. Students may also choose to shadow at multiple locations to explore different careers or work environments.

Important: All job-shadowing placements must be arranged and approved by Mrs. Antony before December 1. 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 Sessions | Location: Off Campus

Class Size Limit: None | Gender: Both | Student Fee/Materials: None

## Beginner 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: PM Session | Location: Golf Simulator Room

Class Size Limit: 8 | Gender: Both | Student Fee/Materials: Bring your own golf clubs if you have them

# course descriptions continued

## 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: Mrs. Lenae Bulthuis and Mrs. Megan Taatjes | Grade Level: 9-12 | Schedule: PM Session | Location: Off Campus

Class Size Limit: 10 | Gender: Females | Student Fee/Materials: Bring your Bible

## Build a Business

Ever wanted to start your own business? In this hands-on class, you'll work to create a business from the ground up! Come up with a business idea, set prices, design a brand, and develop advertisements. You'll tackle real-world business challenges and make important decisions along the way. On a smaller scale than the CEO program, you'll experience what it's like to start and run your own business! On the final day, pitch your business to a panel of judges, Shark Tank style, and compete for awards! You'll even have the opportunity to sell products from your business in the lounge during a designated week!

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

Class Size Limit: 12 | Gender: Both | Student Fee/Materials: None

## Parenting 101

This foundational course explores the journey to parenthood by focusing first on personal readiness, then on strong partnerships, and lastly holistic child development. Students begin by examining their own emotional maturity, personal values, and healthy habits as the groundwork for future caregiving. From there, the curriculum navigates the dynamics of healthy dating, communication, and marriage, highlighting how strong, supportive relationships create a stable home environment. Finally, students learn practical and nurturing strategies for meeting a child's comprehensive needs—addressing physical care and safety, fostering emotional security and attachment, and cultivating spiritual growth and character. Through discussion, self-reflection, and real-world scenarios, students gain the insight and interpersonal tools needed to build thriving families.

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

Class Size Limit: 10 | Gender: Females | Student Fee/Materials:None

## Intro to Curling

This course is designed to introduce students to the Olympic sport of curling. Students will learn from a Glacial Ridge Curling Club instructor the rules, techniques, and strategies of the sport. The class will emphasize team building, sportsmanship, and communication.

Teacher: Mr. Buteyn | Grade Level: 9-12 | Schedule: AM Session | Location: Willmar Curling Club

Class Size Limit: 20 | Gender: Both | Student Fee/Materials: $20

# course descriptions continued

## Sports for 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 life, relationships, and God's kingdom by participating in sports are invaluable. In this class, we will spend time learning about and playing some common sports and reflecting on how our participation in sports impacts our lives.

Teacher: Mr. Norman | Grade Level: 9-12 | Schedule: AM & PM Sessions | Location: High School Gym

Class Size Limit: 15 | Gender: Both | Student Fee/Materials: None

## A Day in the Business World

Have you thought about where you want to work after high school? This class allows you to visit local businesses and hear from business owners and employees about how their businesses got started, what a typical workday looks like, and the advantages and challenges of their jobs. This is a great opportunity to explore different career paths, learn about local businesses, ask questions, and discover opportunities you may not have considered before. Whether you already have a career in mind or are still figuring out what interests you, you'll get a firsthand look at the world of work beyond the classroom!

Teacher: Various Teachers | Grade Level: 9-12 | Schedule: PM Session | Location: Off Campus/Various Locations

Class Size Limit: 16 | Gender: Both | Student Fee/Materials: None

## 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: 9-12 | Schedule: AM Session | Location: First CRC

Class Size Limit: 8 | Gender: Both | Student Fee/Materials: Bring Apron

## Ice Fishing for Beginners

Join us out on the ice for some fishing and fellowship! Mr. Rothstein will be teaching you the basics of ice fishing. 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, and (5) learn the art of spearing fish. There will only be portable fish houses allowed so dress accordingly.

Teacher: Mr. Rothstein | Grade Level: 9-12 | Schedule: PM Session | Location: Off Campus

Class Size Limit: 10 | Gender: Both | Student Fee/Materials: Valid Fishing License & Fishing gear if you have some

# course descriptions continued

## 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.

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| Teacher: Mrs. Setrum & Mr. Buehler | Grade Level: 9-12 | Schedule: PM Session | Location: Mrs. Setrum's Room |
| Class Size Limit: 12 | Gender: Both | Student Fee/Materials: None | |

## Community Emergency Preparedness & Response Class

Join this fun and interactive class to learn the basics of First Aid using the Chain of Survival, including injury prevention and when to get help. You will also learn CPR, how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), and how to help someone who is choking. Plus, you'll get to explore the Prinsburg Fire Hall—including the first responder vehicle and fire trucks—along with tours of the Raymond ambulance and the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office and Dispatch. By the end of this class, you will be dual-certified in First Aid and CPR from the American Heart Association, putting you on your way to becoming a vital part of our community who can act confidently in emergencies.

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

## Sewing for Beginners

Learn a lifelong skill! We will spend the week sewing a pair of pajama pants or sweatpants, 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. Bandaids will be supplied for needle accidents.

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| Teacher: Mrs. Slagter | Grade Level: 9-12 | Schedule: AM & PM Session | Location: Mrs. Bulthuis' Room/Hobby Lobby |
| Class Size Limit: 10 | Gender: Both | Student Fee/Materials: $30 for Fabric | |

## 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!

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| Teacher: Mrs. Brouwer | Grade Level: 11-12 | Schedule: PM Session | Location: Unity CRC |
| Class Size Limit: 8 | Gender: Both | Student Fee/Materials: None | Requirements: Drivers license<br>Avoid signing up if you have food allergies. |

# course descriptions continued

## Workshop for Ladies

This hands-on course empowers girls to develop practical life skills, build confidence, and become more independent by learning how to tackle common household and vehicle maintenance tasks. Students will learn the basics of home electrical circuits, how to identify common electrical problems, and how to safely use tools for simple repairs. The course will also introduce essential vehicle maintenance skills, including checking oil and other fluids, maintaining tire pressure, understanding/replacing fuses, jump starting a vehicle, and changing a tire. You will also learn how to use basic hand tools such as hammers, drills, and impacts to make a project out of wood.

Teacher: Mr. Rothstein | Grade Level: 9-12 | Schedule: AM Session | Location: Industrial Tech Shoproom

Class Size Limit: 12 | Gender: Females | Student Fee/Materials: None

## Spreadsheets for Life!

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: 25 | Gender: Both | Student Fee/Materials: 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: Various Classrooms

Class Size Limit: None | Gender: Both | Student Fee/Materials: Bring own items