

# Central CABLE



**KNOWN  
PERSONALLY**

**DISCIPLINED  
INTENTIONALLY**

**CHALLENGED  
ACADEMICALLY**

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## How Was Your Time Here?

One thing I love about my job is Senior interviews. I started this tradition in my first year, meeting with every senior to reflect on their educational experience at Central. I ask questions like, “Did you have a favorite teacher? Or what are your best and worst memories as a student?” This activity has been fun for me, but also invaluable as it pertains to understanding how we are living into our vision of students being “Known Personally, Disciplined Intentionally, and Challenged Academically”.

I often say that I wish I had a camera rolling during these interviews. Maybe there is a factor of not wanting to disappoint the superintendent, but the way these students talk about how much they love their teachers and appreciate their school experience gets me emotional. When I ask, “Are there any teachers you don’t like?” They answer, “No, not really, I can’t think of one I don’t like.” When I ask what they would change about the school, nearly all of them have said something like, “Nothing, I feel prepared and I have had a great experience here.”

Sometimes my job feels like the “complaint department” especially when it comes to discipline and upholding policy, so naturally, I scratch my head when I hear these answers. I finally joked with a few of them, “Well if it’s so great and you appreciate it so much, why do you guys complain all the time?” They laugh and say something to the effect of, “I don’t know...that is just what teenagers do.” One answer stood out to me though, “I guess because we are so comfortable here. It feels like home, and I suppose we just take it for granted when we bicker about the little things.”

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As far as problems go, I'd call that a good one. As we end our time together, I have the privilege of praying over each senior as they go on to their next chapter and I thank the Lord for the opportunity to pour into their lives here at Central.



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Jon De Groot, Superintendent

## 2nd Grade P.E. Fun!

Mrs. Graves’ 2nd Grade P.E. class had lots of enjoyment playing Bean Bag Toe Tag with Mr. De Groot and Mr. Stier. There were a lot of smiles, laughter, and good competitive fun!



# Celebrating 100 Days!



Mrs. Jerve and Mrs. Duinick's 1st Grade classes were Top Secret Agents as they celebrated 100 days of school! They had to complete tasks involving the number 100 in order to get clues to solve a mystery.



## Spelling Bee Winner

Join us in congratulating our 2024 Spelling Bee Champion, 4th Grader, Alexis Van Beek (right). Second place winner, 8th Grader, Caitlyn Buss (middle) and third place winner, 4th Grader, Jessa Buteyn (left).



*Thank You*

to our amazing  
crosswalk volunteers!

Elden & Faith Nelson

Don Ahrenholz

Wendy Dehmlow

Owen Rheinheimer & Clayton Berry

Silas Duinick & Charlie Buehler

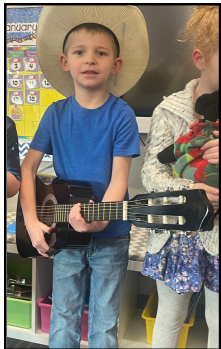
Macy Vander Ark & Abby Rothstein

Bennett Marcus & Kipton Antony

Henry Landberg & Leeland Brower

# Spirit Week

Our students had a fun week celebrating Spirit Week. Many of our students embraced their theme dress-up days, putting great effort into their costumes. A few themes included pajama day, wacky day, career day, twin day, fake injury day, barbenheimer day, dress as a holiday, and dress as a sport.



# Student Body Happenings



The High School Student Council held their annual Battle of the Classes during Spirit Week. Classes competed against each other throughout the week adding points to their class total to ultimately earn the Battle of the Classes Champion. Ways for the students to add points for their classes included points per students that participated in dressing up each day, best dressed, poster design, squad games, and dodgeball tournament. The Senior class came out on top and were crowned the Champions. This was a great class and student body bonding time.



## Chapel Committee



Thank you to our High School students who have volunteered to serve on this year's Chapel Committee and participate in leading worship with their musical gifts!

## Elementary Discipleship



Thank you to our AMAZING Elementary Small Group Leaders who meet with our elementary students every other week to foster their spiritual growth.

# Thank You

## for your service!



Join us in thanking Susanne Mulder for serving as the Communications Coordinator here at Central for the past two years.

We wish her well as she steps into a new role at Mulder Engineering.

# One Act



Congratulations to our fabulous One Act Team for their 2nd place finish at the Sub Section competition on Saturday, January 27! They will go on to compete in the Section meet on February 3 at the Redwood Valley High School Estebo Performing Arts Center.

# Welcome

## Our Marketing and Connections Coordinator!

Moriah Brower has served as a Central Employee since August 2022. She has been working as our High School Administrative Assistant. In addition to those roles, she will serve as our Marketing and Connections Coordinator, working alongside our Advancement Director. Join us in congratulating Moriah in her new role.





# Quarter 2 ~ 2023-2024

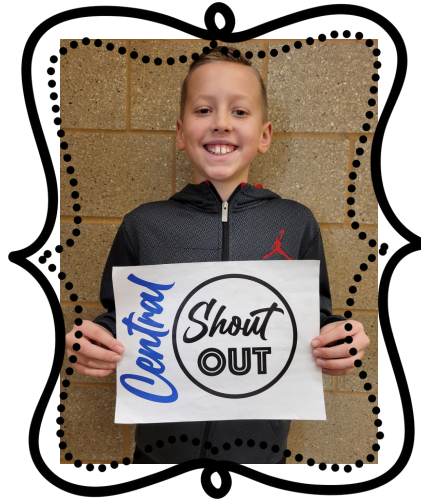
\*indicates pictured prize winners

Central Shout Outs are blue cards that Central staff write to acknowledge a student's outstanding character. Thank you to the following students for displaying the values at Central!



## Elementary Shout Outs

Camden Anderson  
\*Clayton Berry  
Claire Bestge  
Leeland Brower  
David Chaw  
Silas Duininck  
Leo Jouwstra  
Bennett Marcus  
Moriah Rohlik  
Henry Thompson  
Kelaya Ulferts



## Middle School Shout Outs

Halley Brouwer  
Chloe Bulthuis  
Evalyn Cleary  
Breanna Duininck  
Elsie Erickson  
Samuel Gerdes  
Eliza Graves  
Marshall Knight  
Luca Ledeboer-Martinez  
\*Graham Lundeen  
Jackson Marcus  
Afton Meyer  
Lily Moorlag  
Alexander Nay  
Wyatt Punt  
Bennett Rausch  
Macie Rausch  
Amar Schwitters  
Jaden Schwitters  
Lindsey Setrum  
Aubree Slagter  
Christella TeBrake  
Saw Tyson  
Titus Van Beek  
Layna Vander Hagen  
Elias Wassenaar  
Elizabeth Wieberdink



## High School Shout Outs

\*Henry Ammermann  
Carson Beerman  
Jaycie Bulthuis  
Moses De Groot  
Kadin Dehmlow  
Drew Duininck  
Elias Groen  
Ruthie Leesman  
Bjorn Mellema  
Peyton Meyer  
Garrett Mulder  
Peighton Mulder  
Braelin Rime  
Kaiden Ruis  
Brooke Schlegel  
Landry Schwitters  
Ketcie Ulferts  
Jacob Ver Steeg  
Sydney Watson  
Nathan Wieberdink





## A Prayerful People

Our Seniors embarked on the annual Washington D.C. trip with Mr. Buteyn's Government class. While touring, they took time to pray for the leaders, families, and communities who work or are represented at each location.



### REAL NEEDS

Our country is in need of prayer. Central students were intentional about praying at the White House, the Capitol, the Supreme Court, and other federal buildings.



### REAL PEOPLE

Students prayed for communities of color at the MLK Memorial, the Jewish community at the Holocaust Museum, and for our veterans at the Vietnam Wall.



### REAL WORK

As our students prepared for the trip, each was assigned to research one of the sites we had planned to visit. Once there, they shared their research with the class.



**FLEX ACTIVITIES ARE A DEEPER LEARNING TOOL WITHIN OUR TEACHING FOR TRANSFORMATION FRAMEWORK THAT ALLOWS OUR STUDENTS TO ENGAGE IN REAL WORK THAT RECOGNIZES AND IMPACTS THE REAL NEEDS OF REAL PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES.**



# Elementary Student Discipleship

Parent Newsletter \* February Issue



Our focus for the month of January was Idolatry Discerner. We started off with a great message from Ben Markwardt about idols and what it means that God is a jealous God- see if your child remembers what it means to be jealous for their toothbrush! The next week was our Spirit Week Minute to Win it Challenges! It's always fun to see each group dressed up in their colors and to watch them work together to accomplish something. Congratulations to the Red Group that had the highest score for our Challenge. Then we had a week of small groups where we dove a little deeper into what it means to be an idolatry discerner and what can be a distraction in our lives.

In February, the throughline that we are focusing on is Justice Seeker. This is another big, deep conversation for elementary students, but we are confident that God has something for them to learn through the discussions and activities they'll participate in. Our hope for them is to understand that they can pursue Godly justice and transformation in this world by seeking to bring wholeness where there is brokenness. We hope to encourage them to follow the exhortation in Micah 6:8 to "act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with their God."

## This Month's Theme Verse

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8



# Middle School 1st Semester Honor Roll



Honor Roll is determined by a student's semester GPA.

\*Denotes a 4.0 GPA

## 6th Grade - A Honor Roll

Halley Brouwer  
James Brouwer  
Samuel Gerdes  
\*Eliza Graves  
Afton Meyer  
Wyatt Punt  
Bennett Rausch  
Jaden Schwitters  
Kinley Ulferts  
Natalie Vander Ark  
Elias Wassenaar  
Elizabeth Wieberdink

## 7th Grade - A Honor Roll

Brooks Ahrenholz  
\*Jamin Buteyn  
\*Breanna Duinick  
Carson Lundeen  
Dillon Meyer  
Isaak Rohlik  
Isabella Rosen  
Quinn Schueler  
Alyssa Schwitters  
Aubree Slagter  
Claire Sunvold  
Chase Taatjes  
Christella TeBrake  
\*Titus Van Beek  
Charles Vogel  
Breden Yuen  
Olivia Ziehl

## 8th Grade - A Honor Roll

Jager Ahrenholz  
Walter Ammermann  
Caleb Asche  
Breckin Brouwer  
Chloe Bulhuis  
Caitlyn Buss  
Griffin De Groot  
Bo Duinick  
Harper Larkin  
\*Jackson Marcus  
Logan Moorlag  
Jax Rime  
Sadie Ruis  
Lindsey Setrum  
Keena Ulferts  
\*Savanna Wolfe

## 6th Grade - B Honor Roll

Evalyn Cleary  
Poe Mu Doh  
Tessa Engstrom  
Addyson Fagen  
Giada Grannes  
Marshall Knight  
Graham Lundeen  
Lily Moorlag  
Rosalynd Wood

## 7th Grade - B Honor Roll

Nora Duinick  
Charles Leesman  
Luca Ledebor-Martinez  
Josie Mulder  
Alexander Nay  
Ryder Punt  
Isaiah Rothstein  
MacKenzie Ruplinger  
Brody Slagter  
Hawken Slagter  
Landon Taatjes  
Sabine TeBrake  
Saw Tyson

## 8th Grade - B Honor Roll

Theodore Bonnema  
Mya Dannen  
Aaron McLagan  
Lanessa Miller  
Blake Punt  
Macie Rausch  
Drys Watson



# High School 1st Semester Honor Roll



Honor Roll is determined by a student's semester GPA. Certain advanced junior & senior level courses use a weighted scale to determine GPA.

\*Denotes an unweighted semester GPA of 4.0

## 12th Grade - A Honor Roll

Ashlyn Brouwer	Lillian Mellema
Timothy Brouwer	Peyton Meyer
Avery Duininck	Logan Rausch
*Hannah Graves	*Caitlynn Roiseland
Elias Groen	*Lauren Taatjes
Sawyer Larkin	

## 12th Grade - B Honor Roll

Camden Brouwer	Nick Pederson
Jaden Dannen	Braelin Rime
Janessa Erickson	Landry Schwitters
Ryan Harrington	Nathan Wieberdink
Kaylee Hentges	Seth Zwart
Bjorn Mellema	

## 9th Grade - A Honor Roll

Alysia Buteyn  
Sienna Duininck  
Etta Grannes  
Joseph Graves  
Ruthann Leesman  
Aurora Rosen  
Will Schneiderman  
Kyle Schwitters  
Sophia Slagter  
Emily Sunvold  
Silas Taatjes  
Ketcie Ulferts  
Madalyn Vander Ark  
\*Madison Vogel  
\*Jordan Voogt

## 10th Grade - A Honor Roll

\*Peighton Mulder  
Carrie Mulder  
Brooke Schlegel  
\*Maggie Setrum  
Addilyn Taatjes  
Samuel Zwart

## 11th Grade - A Honor Roll

Riley Broberg  
Sidney Duininck  
Morgan Groen

## 9th Grade - B Honor Roll

Andrew Broberg  
Ella Brouwer  
Kaylee Dannen  
Emery Fussy  
Elijah Gerdes  
Evan Gustafson  
Carter Taatjes  
Asher Wieberdink  
Annaliese Wood  
Braxton Zimmer

## 10th Grade - B Honor Roll

Henry Ammermann  
Micah Asake  
Emmilee Braem  
Jaycie Bulthuis  
Moses De Groot  
Reece Duininck  
Jennifer Post  
Kaiden Ruis  
Tseganesh Schwitters  
Trypp Slagter  
Elizabeth Wassenaar  
Sydney Watson

## 11th Grade - B Honor Roll

Naomi Asake  
Isaac Asche  
Anica Damhof  
Wesley Fussy  
Kelsey Hillenbrand  
Carene Jean Louis  
Abenezer Larson  
Gabiella Pederson  
Sophia Vogel

# Board Minutes for

## Central Minnesota Christian School

Monday, January 29, 2024  
7:00pm

Members Present: Joe Vander Ark, Paul Leverington, Heidi Graves, Matt Hoekstra, Jason Ver Steeg, Christy Groen, Paul Leverington, Trevor Duinick, Lanne Roelofs, Jon De Groot

Devotions: Luke opened with devotions from Psalm 23

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve minutes from December 18, 2023 board meeting. MSP
2. Action Items were reviewed
3. Leadership Team Items
  - a. Monthly highlights were shared
  - b. Superintendent Report highlighted efforts toward District 815 relationship enhancement and role clarity, working with Advancement Committee to develop targeted enrollment/recruitment efforts in an effort to exhibit “hospitably Reformed” mentality, Capital campaign and donor engagement efforts, and filling in Dean of Students role
  - c. Principal report highlighted teaching evaluations, winterim classes, ELA Curriculum which is being funded through District 815, draft of the 25-26 Calendar, and continued work towards a Masters of Education degree at Dordt
  - d. Director of Finance report highlighted long range financial planning, staff increase / tuition rates, 24-25 budget preparation, staff contract preparation, and facility maintenance and transportation considerations
  - e. Director of Advancement Work Plan highlighted the 4k Open House on March 12 and New Family Open House on April 11, better than expected contributions to the annual fund (\$240k ahead of budget), and communication highlights including the hiring of Moriah Brower to the communications coordinator position, the scheduling of a targeted prospective family event, and financial aid / enrollment communication
4. Changes to the Cafeteria plan and amendment to change eligibility to comply with current requirements were discussed and presented for approval. MSP
5. Policy Review
  - a. Parent Volunteer Commitment Policy updates were presented and discussed. MSP
  - b. Existing Building and Equipment Use Policy and the start of a revised policy were presented and discussed
6. Board Items
  - a. Consent agenda
    - i. Committee reports were presented for information
    - ii. Advancement committee items were highlighted
  - b. Book Club was led by Christy on the subject of leadership transitions (Chap 11)
7. Finance Committee
  - a. Update on ERC funds was given
  - b. Proposed tuition and staff salary adjustments were presented and discussed. MSP
  - c. There will be further discussion on long-term tuition strategies

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8. Governance Committee
  - a. Revisions to the board member voting plan were presented and discussed
  - b. The proposed board nominee list was presented for discussion and approval. MSP
9. Miscellaneous Board Items
  - a. Board Retreat will be on March 6 and 7
  - b. Next board meeting will be at 6 pm
10. Round table
11. Paul L closed in prayer
12. Next Board Meeting February 26, 2024
13. Meeting Adjourned.

**It is the mission of Central Minnesota Christian School to provide a Christ-centered, quality education to equip students for a life of service.**

## **Advancement Update**

The Advancement Committee is responsible for ongoing review and recommendations to enhance the development activities of our school community. Our committee focuses on five areas: enrollment, fund development, volunteer services, communication, and alumni engagement.

Advancement committee members are Michelle Schwitters (Director of Advancement), Ryan Moorlag (Board Representative and Committee Chair), Summer Ahrenholz, Jason Brower, Mary Erickson, and Matt Hoekstra (Board Representative).

Over the course the year we have identified three areas that we will focus on:

**Donor Engagement** – Over the history of our school we have been blessed by gracious gifts that support everything from our daily operations to capital building campaigns. Our goal is to continue to enhance our communication efforts around the impact these donations have and how they support our mission of preparing students for a life of service.

**Volunteer Services** – The volunteering efforts of our parents, students, and broader community support the affordability of our school, community engagement, and the functioning of events that we all enjoy attending. We are currently planning requirements for 2024/25 with a focus on ensuring that our key areas of need of being filled efficiently throughout the year.

**Enrollment** – The team is looking at two areas to support efforts around enrollment. First, we are evaluating demographic information within our surrounding counties that will assist us in identifying the best ways to reach out to prospective families. Second, we are working on developing a portfolio of communication tactics to engage with daycare and early education providers. The goal is to provide information around our 4k and Kindergarten programs that can be shared with parents who are in the process of evaluating the next steps in education for their young children.

As members of the Advancement Committee, we are grateful for the opportunity to serve Central Minnesota Christian School. We are passionate about spreading the vision that our students are known personally, disciplined intentionally, and challenged academically.

Submitted by Ryan Moorlag, Committee Chair



# Central Counselor's Corner

College Rep School Visits  
November 7 - North Dakota State University  
January 22 - Minnesota Army National Guard (pictured)



## Renville-Sibley's Scholar of the Month Program

Central participates in the Renville-Sibley's Scholar of the Month Program. Each month, teachers from the local school districts nominate one high school senior from their school. One name is drawn each month from the names submitted and the student selected is awarded a \$100 donation to be given to the student's school on their behalf. The student gets to choose which program the donation should be given to at their school (music, sports, arts, etc.). A banquet will be held in June for the students selected (and their families) throughout the year. One of these students will be chosen, by random drawing, as the winner of a \$1,000 scholarship from Renville-Sibley.

November Nominee - Caitlynn Roiseland

- Caitlynn (pictured) was selected this month for the \$100 donation

December Nominee - Hannah Graves

January Nominee - Kadin Dehmlow



## Mental Health

There has been a lot of sadness in our neighboring schools recently, including losses related to mental health. Just like physical health, mental health is crucial for our overall well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act.

Talking about mental health can feel uncomfortable, but it is important to remember that it's okay to not be okay sometimes. We need to encourage open conversations about mental health at home, in school, and within our community.

As parents, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring the well-being of our children.

We live in a fast-paced world and sometimes, paying attention to our children's mental well-being gets lost in the demands of life.

Taking care of our mental health is a journey and we are in it together.

Malorie Anthony, School Counselor

**"...Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9**

# Alumni Day

Thank you to everyone who came out for our annual Alumni Day Event. We had a wonderful day eating good food, socializing, and watching our Girls and Boys Varsity Basketball teams take on Southwest Minnesota Christian.



## Schedule for TRIP

February	5 & 19
March	4 & 18
April	8 & 22
May	6 & 20

## Spring Concert Dates

March 19	MS/HS Spring Concert Choir & Band
April 25	K-5 Spring Program
May 14	HS Pops Concert



# Central Art Gallery



Reece Duininck, 10th

## Neurographic Art



Jennifer Post, 10th



Hayden Jaenisch, 7th



Olivia Ziehl, 7th



Josie Mulder, 7th

Thank you!  
Hansen Advertising



This year at retreat each high schooler received our chapel theme All Things sweatshirt. Thank you to Hansen Advertising for supplying these to our students this year!

4K  
Open House

Tuesday, March 12

6:30pm

RSVP through the qr code below  
Childcare for 4K students is provided





*You're Invited*



Central  
**SHOWCASE**

*Featuring:*

- **4K-12th Grade Classroom Exhibits**
- **Musical Ensembles**
- **Science Fair**
- **5th Grade Wax Museum**

**Friday, March 15, 2024**

**6-8pm**

**SAVE THE DATE**



**WHEN WE STAND  
TOGETHER**

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4 2 N D   A N N U A L  
**L E G A C Y   D I N N E R**  
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**JOIN US FOR AN ENGAGING EVENING  
IMPELLING BELIEVERS TOWARDS THE  
INVESTMENT IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
AND WHAT IS AT STAKE IF WE  
SHOULD FAIL TO TAKE A STAND.**

# New to You News

## The Monthly Minute

*January*

Number of items processed:

21,729

Almost 5,000 more than  
last year this month!

Sell-through rate:

64%

Total Sales:

\$68,075

That's a 74% increase  
since 2020!

Compared to last year:

\$63,376

446 more transactions  
that last year!

Total Volunteer Hours:

485

Volunteer Hours last year:

397

Contribution to Central:

\$12,000



**Praise and  
Opportunity:**

**Besides needing BOOKS, we are  
very low on FURNITURE! If you  
have gently used to donate,  
please give us a call!**

**320-231-1850** 😊

*Join us February 5-10*  
**Cabin Fever Book Club  
Event**

- Huge selection of restocked thrift books!
- Enjoy 15% OFF Good News including books!
- Check out our NEW Kids' reading corner!
- Join us for coffee and cider!



# Central CABLE



## MISSION

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## VISION

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## VALUES



**Better Together** - God created us in his image to live in Community. Therefore, we honor and care for the well-being and success of all. We value encouragement and helpful communications while speaking the truth in love. We celebrate the individual gifts and character of each member and provide an environment for them to struggle and grow. (Rom 12:4-5; Gen 1:27; Col 3:12-14)



**Building Trust** - We strive for Excellence in our character and proven-ness in our work. We do our best to earn respect by exceeding expectations, maintaining high standards, challenging complacency, and aiming for full potential. (Matt 12:12; Titus 2:7)



**Being Transformed** - We value whole-person Growth and practice continuous improvement through learning, personal reflection, and Christian development. We are open to new ideas and seek God's kingdom dream for our lives and the world. (Rom 12:2; II Cor 5:17; Ps 51:10)



**Bridging The Gap** - Through Service, we identify needs and address them. We see God-possibilities and obediently follow the Spirit to make them our reality. In humility we give of ourselves, investing in the cause of Christian education and thus, the future. (I Peter 4:10; Col 3:23, Is 58:10)



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