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Idolatry Discerner

Our Teaching for Transformation Throughline this January is "idolatry discerner". Chat GPT defines this as the ability to identify situations where individuals or communities deviate from Christian beliefs or moral values, particularly those related to idol worship or excessive pursuit of worldly desires.

As a follower of Patrick Lencioni's Working Genius Model for Organizational Effectiveness, I appreciate the concept of Discernment as one of the six identified "geniuses". Lencioni defines discernment as the natural gift of intuitively and instinctively evaluating ideas and situations. This challenges my previous assumption that discernment, even in matters of idolatry, is not inherent for Christians in the struggle against sin.

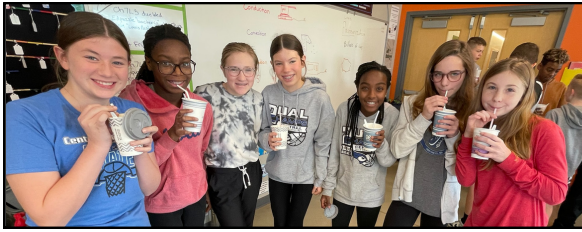
According to John Calvin's Institutes, the human heart is a perpetual forge of idols. Christians exist in constant tension, simultaneously trusting in God's grace while recognizing the ever-present corruption of sin. In essence, we trust God but acknowledge the lack of trust in ourselves and others. Yet, we find assurance in the redemptive work of Christ, allowing us to imperfectly pursue God's kingdom on this side of eternity.

Reflecting on how FBI experts spot counterfeit money by studying the real thing, immersing ourselves in God's Word, and walking with Jesus helps us discern and avoid spiritual counterfeits. Resting in the freedom from having to be inherently trustworthy and discerning, we recognize our human limitations. May God enable us to spot corruption and counterfeits by being a people who are in love with Him, the real source of all that we need.

Jon De Groot, Superintendent

7th Grade Science Fun!

Mrs. Brouwer's 7th grade students shared in bacterial laden food, ate classroom-made yogurt, made elephant's toothpaste, and planted seeds for their germination lab!



One Act Performance

Monday, January 22 - 7:00pm

The CMCS One Act Team has been busy working on their upcoming play for competition. We invite the public to come and enjoy the play on Monday, January 22 at 7pm in the Event Center. This will be our only home performance before heading off to competition on Saturday, January 28. Admission is free, but a freewill offering will be accepted to assist the team with covering production costs.

This year's play includes 17 students on stage from grades 9-12, and 2 more in the booth! After earning a Starred Performance at the State Festival last year, the Drama Team is looking to make a run at that prestigious award again this year. We would love for you to come out and join us for an evening of drama and refreshments!

Way to Go!



Congratulations to our Bluejay Bots, Central's Robotics Club, who placed first in robot design and won the Robot Design Award for the third straight year at regional competition!

A huge THANK YOU to Heather Link, Jeff Ruschen, and Roy Duinck for coaching this crew!



Here We Go a-Caroling!

During the month of December, some of our students went caroling at various living facilities in the area. We're grateful for these opportunities to worship with community members and pray that they were blessed by the experience as much as our students were!



Our 1st graders visited the Copperleaf Living Center on December 14. The students shared their homemade ornaments, sang Christmas carols, and recited Luke 2.



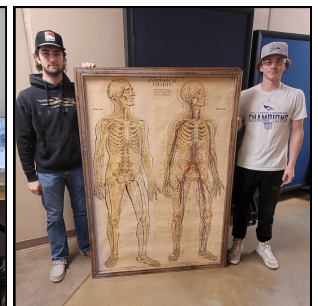
Our Kindergarten students visited the Cardinal Estates apartments in Prinsburg. They sang Christmas carols and spent time making ornaments with the residents.



Our 6th grade students blessed the residents at Bethesda on December 8. Mrs. Schwitters led the students in singing Christmas carols.

Industrial Arts Happenings

The Industrial Tech students have been busy finishing up their individual projects, as well as working on more FLEx (Formational Learning Experiences) projects - building frames for Mrs. Bulthuis's room, making planters for New to You, and building bookshelf trees (pictured left - look for these at next year's Harvest Festival!).



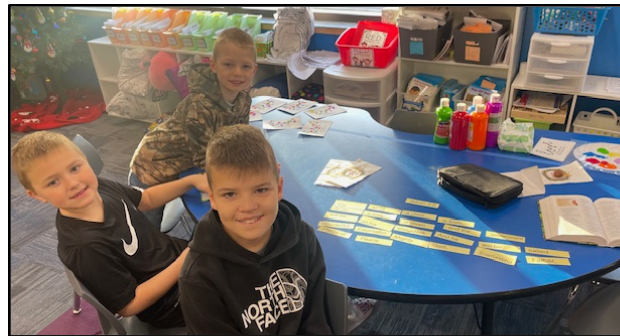
Christmas Party Fun!



Our K-12 students gathered together for a Christmas Chapel on Friday, December 22; which included a time of worship and Christmas carols.



Our Elementary students enjoyed Christmas parties with their classes; watching movies, playing games, and eating lots of delicious treats.



Our High School students participated in a Bunco tournament, followed by a Christmas brunch. The students were grateful for a fun time of community after studying hard for their first semester exams!



Central FLEX



Thankful Hearts

Our 2nd grade classes blessed the local Food Shelf with food donations during the holiday season. Through the process of collecting food, students worked on adding three digits by using the nutritional values of the collected items.



REAL NEEDS

Due to various hardships, people in our community are in need of food assistance. Our students donated over 500 food products to bless these families.



REAL PEOPLE

Many of our neighbors struggle to provide food for themselves and their families. Our local food shelf serves on average 500 families each month.



REAL WORK

As our students collected food for the local food shelf, they worked on their addition skills by using the nutritional values of the items to learn how to add by three digits.



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.

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Elementary Student Discipleship



Parent Newsletter * January Issue



We had a great month in December talking about what it looks like to be God-worshippers. Hopefully you got the chance at one of the concerts to take a look at the display boards showing all the ways students thought of to worship God.

Everything from singing to playing basketball to being a good friend was mentioned. We got to practice worshipping with our voices, hear from Pastor Joel DeBoer a little later in the month at chapel, and we finished off our month with a fun Christmas celebration - including donut holes (thank you kitchen staff), a swaddling cloths race, and Bible verse unscrambling.



We are looking forward to continuing to talk about the Throughlines as we discuss what it means to be an idolatry discerner. This is a deeper topic, especially for our elementary students, but we are excited to dig in. Our hope is that students will learn to recognize when something is an idol in their lives and is drawing them away from worshipping the one true God. We will also have some fun with Spirit Week thrown in the middle!

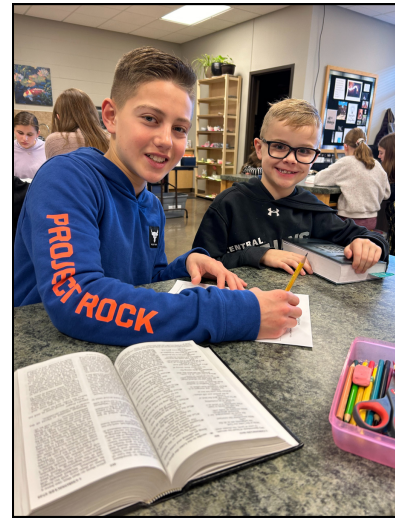
This Month's Theme Verse

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is- his good, pleasing, and perfect will."

Romans 12:2

Schedule for TRIP

January	8 & 22
February	5 & 19
March	4 & 18
April	8 & 22



Our students enjoyed getting into the Word together during their Flock time in December. Student pairs were given passages to look up, discover, and discuss what it means to worship God and how we can live a lifestyle of praise!

Central Art Gallery



Afton Meyer

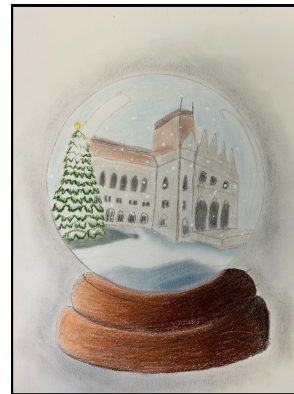


Addy Fagen

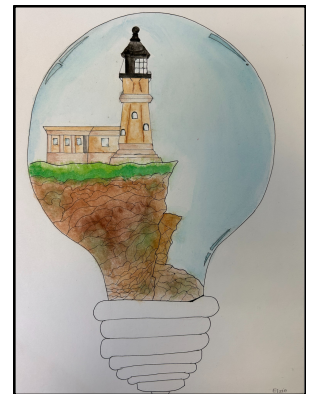
6th Grade Monochromatic Winter Art



Gianda Grannes



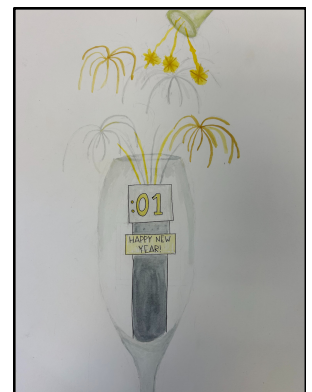
Tsegy Schwitters, 10th



Elzie Wassenaar, 10th



Eliza Graves



Reece Duinink, 10th

Board Minutes for

Central Minnesota Christian School

Monday, December 18, 2023
7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Ryan Moorlag

Luke M opened with devotions from Psalm 23.

- 1) Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from the November 27, 2023 Board Meeting. MSP
- 2) Board Business
 - a. Action Items were reviewed.
 - b. Consent Agenda
 - i. Committee Reports were presented.
 - c. Christy G led a discussion from chapter 10 of "Guiding Schools to Flourish" on the subject of Board Member selection.
 - d. Governance Committee Items
 - i. Board member voting process document was presented by Trevor D.
 - e. Finance Committee Items
 - i. Presentation of October Financial Statements.
- 3) Leadership Team Items
 - a. Update on confidential family situation
 - b. Discussion on the financial philosophy for the 2024-25 budget
 - c. Discussion on Parent Volunteer Commitment Policy
- 4) Round Table
- 5) Joe VA closed in prayer.
- 6) Next Board Meeting: January 29, 2024
- 7) 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.

Winterim Experiences

"We just finished our third consecutive year of "Winterim" courses! Designed to provide practical, real-world experience, these courses go beyond traditional lectures, allowing students to actively engage with the subject matter. High school teachers and community members plan week-long interactive activities, projects, and life-skills classes that foster a dynamic learning environment. From cooking and baking to sewing and golf, students received hands-on experience in a wide range of subjects." - Jimmy Buehler



Baking Up Blessings



Grit Don't Quit



See You at the Top



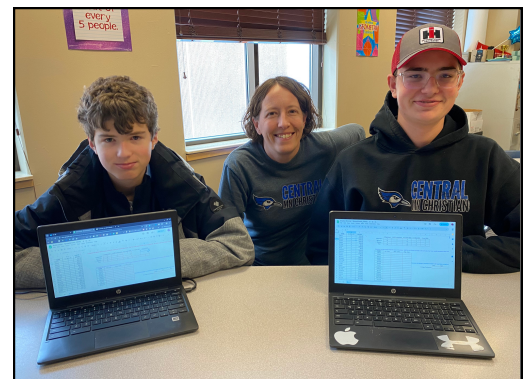
Winterim Book Club



Intro & Advanced Golf



Simplify with Spreadsheets!



Sports for Life



Winterim Experiences



Burning Pellets: Smoking Meats & Flat Top Grilling



Sewing for Beginners



Portrait and Figure Drawing



Winterim Experiences

Modern Day Charm



Leadership with Patrick Lencioni



Ice Fishing:
Catch, Clean,
& Cook



Creative Concepts with
Advance Ministry Technology



Crochet
Creations





UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN

8 CLASSES RESUME
8-12 HS WINTERIM
20 ALUMNI EVENT
22 ONE ACT COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE

FEB

8-9 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
9 NO SCHOOL
19 NO SCHOOL - PRESIDENT'S DAY

MAR

15 CENTRAL SHOWCASE
19 MS/HS SPRING CONCERT
20-22 SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS
25-31 EASTER BREAK

APR

3-6 SPRING PLAY
9 ANNUAL MEETING
19 LEGACY DINNER
25 K-5 SPRING CONCERT
26 K-5 GRANDPARENTS DAY

MAY

3 PROM
14 HS POPS CONCERT
22 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
24 GRADUATION

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Central's

ALUMNI EVENT

Saturday, January 20



Girls Varsity Basketball @ 12:00pm
Boys Varsity Basketball @ 1:30pm
vs Southwest Minnesota Christian

*Alumni come enjoy Free Admission, Door Prizes,
Halftime Games & Much More*

THE OLD MAN COVER BAND & COMMUNITY PEP BAND



*Enjoy performances by The Old Man Cover Band and
our Community Pep Band. If you are interested in
playing with the Pep Band, there is no need to RSVP;
just join. If you need to borrow an instrument or would
like music ahead of time, please get in touch with
Devin at devin@centralbluejays.org.*



FREE-WILL DONATION PULLED PORK SANDWICH DINNER



*Come support our High School students as they will be
going on the New York Missions Trip over Spring Break.
Food will begin serving at 11:15am.*

Live Auction Items:

- 1 pie per month for 3 months by Bill Harrington**
- 2024 Gopher Football season home game of choice tickets
(estimated \$450 value)**
- BBQ meal for 6 at Jeff & Denise Morris's house**

New to You News

The Monthly Minute *December*

Number of items processed:

18,052

Sell-through rate:

90%

Total Sales:

\$77,440

Compared to last year:

\$60,377

Total Volunteer Hours:

438

Volunteer Hours last year:

394

Contribution to Central:

\$12,000



Praise and Opportunity:

Thank you to all of our Volunteers and Staff who helped this crazy season be a successful one!

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!



Stop in to stock up on cold weather gear!

We have lots of seasonal items and a great selection of furniture as well!



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MISSION

To provide a Christ-centered, quality education to equip students for a life of service.

VISION

Surrounded by our community of believers where God's presence is evident, our students will find their calling in God's world through an exceptional education, delivered from a Biblical worldview. Students will be known personally, disciplined intentionally, and challenged academically.

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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