

Central CABLE



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Order Discoverer

Order Discovering, as a discipleship practice, calls us to recognize and acknowledge God's creative purpose and sovereign hand in all that He has made. It's a profound acknowledgment that life didn't emerge from chance or fate, but from the intentional design of a loving Creator. Our pursuit of understanding this design isn't merely academic; it's a journey to grasp the heart of God and His deep love for His creation.

I was reminded of a quote from Dr. Jordan Peterson's in "12 Rules for Life": "Order is not enough. You can't just be stable, and secure, and unchanging, because there are still vital and important new things to be learned. Nonetheless, chaos can be too much. You can't long tolerate being swamped and overwhelmed beyond your capacity to cope while you are learning what you still need to know. Thus, you need to place one foot in what you have mastered and understood and the other in what you are currently exploring and mastering."

While Peterson's quote may seem out of context to our throughline, it resonates deeply with the Christian calling. We are called to embody this kind of balance, having one foot planted in the assurance of our hopeful future in Christ and the other engaged in the brokenness of the world. As agents of Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit, we actively pursue the restoration of God's intended order in His creation, marred by the curse of sin.

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In every facet of life, from the sciences to the arts, from academia to the marketplace, we are invited by an incredible God to participate in the wonder of His creation. Our pursuit of discovering in order to engage in restoration isn't just a noble endeavor; it's an act of worship, declaring the glory of our Creator.



So, let us embrace the call to Order Discovering with fervor and humility, knowing that in our pursuit of understanding, we draw closer to the heart of God and bear witness to His redemptive work in the world.

Jon De Groot, Superintendent

Health Moves Minds

On Thursday, February 29, our 3rd-12th grade students participated in HEALTH.MOVES.MINDS. Jump & Hoop Extravaganza. Prior to this event, Central joined in a service-learning program through Shape America called Health. Moves. Minds. As part of this program, the 3rd-5th graders raised money for new p.e. equipment and resources, and also paying it forward by donating 25% of the funds they raise to the Campus Ministry Center that supports Ridgewater College students and community. Jeff Schmitz is the coordinator of that ministry.



We are excited to announce the total amount raised was \$9,824. This means we will give \$4,912 to help support the Shape America foundation that provides resources for better physical and mental health to p.e. programs, teachers and students across the nation. We were also able to give \$2,456 to Jeff Schmitz at Campus Ministry Center in Willmar and \$2,456 will go towards purchasing new p.e. equipment at Central. Congratulations to our 4th grade class for raising the most money (\$3,031) and earning a bowling party. Thank you to those of you who donated!



Top Four Fundraisers:
 Leeland Brower (4th grade) \$375,
 Connor Anderson (3rd grade) \$495,
 Evelyn Zigterman (4th grade) \$570,
 Beckham Daugherty (3rd grade) \$675



Top \$300 Fundraisers



Top \$200 Fundraisers



Top \$100 Fundraisers

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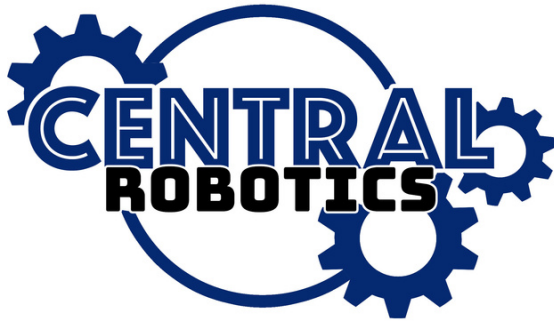
Lightning Basketball Champions



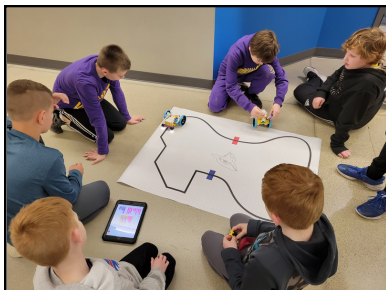
Whirlwind Jump Rope Champions



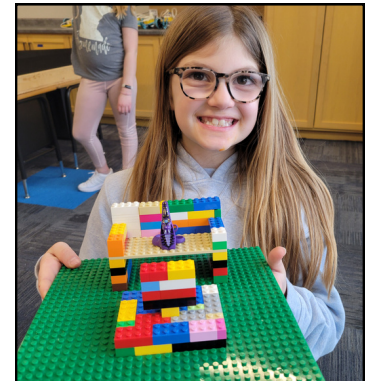
Dribble Knock Out



Second semester Robotics club is under way! A group of 4th and 5th graders quickly caught on to the concepts of building and coding their robots. Make sure to check out the Central Robotics Club table and robot runs in the elementary gym at the Central Showcase on March 15!



Bluejay Builders LEGO club welcomes 3rd grade! Students were given building challenges to recreate marble mazes, furniture, food, and mini golf courses. Sometimes math and science are involved, but creativity and fun are always present.



Powder Ridge



On February 7, one hundred of our 5th-8th grade students took a physical education field trip to go downhill snow skiing at Powder Ridge Ski Resort in Kimball. It was a beautiful, 45 degree day which made it very pleasant to enjoy the outdoors but also made the snow rather wet and slushy. We were thankful that Powder Ridge had been working hard each night when the temps dropped below freezing to make a new layer of snow so that they could remain open during this unseasonably warm winter! This was the 4th year

Mrs. Graves has organized this trip to give students the opportunity to learn the sport and enjoy it with their peers. Each year there is a mix of first time skiers along with those with some experience. "My delight is to see a first time skier learn the skills and have that thrill of overcoming a challenge when you try something new. It also brings joy to see kids enjoy the sport with their classmates and improve on the skills they already had."

Thirty-six of the one hundred students took advantage of the ski lessons given by the Powder Ridge instructors. They first learned the essential skills on the bunny hill of how to "snow plow" or "make a pizza wedge" to control speed, turn, get up after falling, and stop. After graduating their lesson they were ready to load the ski lifts and practice their new skills on the bigger slopes. The smiles on the kids' faces, the feelings of accomplishment, and the camaraderie the kids had with one another were very rewarding experiences.

We were thankful for a good day of learning and fun! -Mrs. Becky Graves



Knowledge Bowl

“According to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, what patriot said, “One if by land, and two if by sea”?

Your teammate hits the green strip: BEEEP. Now you have 15 seconds to visit with your teammates and agree on an answer. No pressure!



This year's team was a small, but a dedicated one. Ruthie Leesman, 9th grade, and Caitlyn Buss, 8th grade, made up our team. In practice, we researched different topics like Geography (filling out maps and locating places that are hard to remember), Presidents terms and their Vice Presidents, Greek and Roman gods and goddesses, and a variety of other topics. We also go over past Meet questions and talk through them. Practice is run much like a Meet, without the added pressure of competing schools. We set up a table with the buzzer strips and pocket box (score keeping device) in the High School Library and form two teams. The girls are very competitive, and practice was very exciting as they each tried to buzz in faster than the other to give the correct answer. Practice is also used to strategize for the next Meet, for example: can we answer the question after only part of it is read? If another team buzzes in and the question is not fully read, do we hold off until they give a wrong answer and wait until it is fully read to buzz in? We did spend some time practicing only hearing the first part of the question to be able to determine the direction the question was going. This went fairly well and the girls were able to figure out most of the answers.

Our Region, which is Region 6 (Southwest West Central Service Cooperative sponsors Knowledge Bowl), is a wide area including schools from Ortonville to Glencoe and New London to Canby, had only a few Meets this season. We were only able to attend 2 of them, Dawson-Boyd and Glencoe-Silver Lake as host schools. The girls earned 2nd place at the Glencoe-Silver Lake Meet and were very excited as competition is intense!

If you see these ladies around, congratulate them on a short, but exciting season.

Time's up! What is your answer?!
Paul Revere

-Miss Heidi Link

Groundhog Day



The kindergartners had a great time learning about Groundhog Day. They made predictions on whether or not the groundhog would see his shadow. The kids were surprised when the groundhog did not see his shadow and are hoping his prediction of an early spring is correct!

Regional Spelling Bee Competition



Congratulations to Caitlyn Buss, 8th grade, who placed 2nd at the Regional Spelling Bee Competition on February 6 at the Redwood Area Community Center in Redwood Falls. Caitlyn competed against 28 other students from 23 area district schools.

"The Hope & Heartache Diner"



On Saturday, January 27, the Central One Act team took their play, "The Hope and Heartache Diner" by Lindsay Price, to the Subsection 11 competition in Dawson. There they came away with a second place finish after a three-way tiebreaker, advancing them to the Section 3 Contest in Redwood Falls Saturday, February 3.

Led by an incredible group of seniors (Ashlyn Brouwer, Cam Brouwer, Hannah Graves,

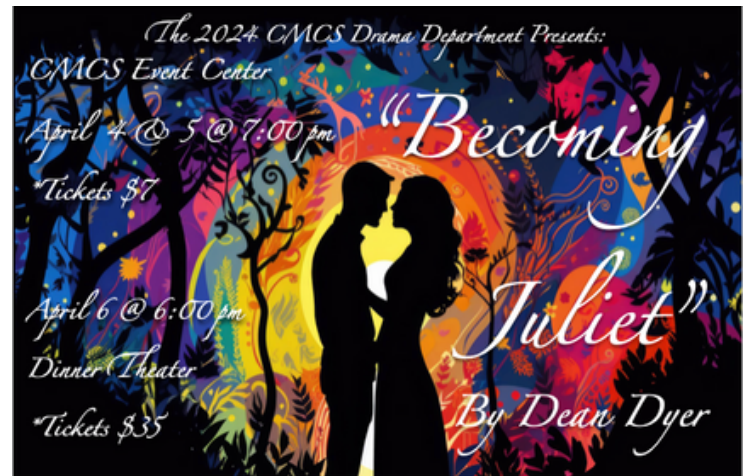
Kaylee Hentges, and first-timer Nick Pederson) they put their best performance to date of this show on stage and felt awesome about the work they had done. Although it wasn't enough to advance them to State, they represented their school well! The cast was rounded out by three juniors (Gabby Pederson, Kelsey Hillenbrand, and Carene Jean Louis), two sophomores (Henry Ammermann and Brooke Schlegel) and seven freshmen (Ella Brouwer, Alysia Buteyn, Etta Grannes, Evan Gustafson, Caleb Timmer, Maddie Vogel, and Annaliese Wood). Siblings Sidney Duinick (junior) and Bo Duinick (8th grade) handled the lights and sound for the production.

The play was directed by Randy Groen and Kevin Wassenaar and assisted by Elsa Rosemarie.

Central Drama Department Presents, "Becoming Juliet"

Coming in April is the Central Drama Departments spring play, "Becoming Juliet" by Dean Dyer. This staging will include 30 plus high school students working on stage and behind the scenes!

"JJ Baker has never had the chance to play a leading role. Star actress Madison Engers has always been in the limelight, until JJ wins the role of Juliet in the famous Shakespeare play. Her hopes for stardom may be in danger though after Romeo literally breaks his leg. JJ and her director know the talented rebel Dylan would make the perfect Romeo, if they could only convince him he's actor material! Rivalries and romance make this behind-the-scenes high school comedy a must-see!"



The play will be performed on Thursday, April 4 and Friday, April 5, at 7:00pm in the CMCS Event Center. A Dinner Theater Experience will be offered on Saturday, April 6 at 6:00pm. Tickets will go on sale Tuesday, March 12 by emailing Moriah at theater@centralbluejays.org or by stopping by in the High School office. Tickets for Thursday and Friday will be \$7 a person. Dinner Theater tickets will be \$35 a person.

We hope to see you at the show!

Central FLEX



Bethesda Blessings

Our 6th-grade students were community-builders in this month's Central FLEX. They blessed the residents at Bethesda by writing biographies of their lives and sharing a treat mix they made using a fraction lesson from math class.



REAL NEEDS

The older generation is often overlooked and lonely. Our students met these needs by creating an artifact that the residents' families can cherish for generations to come.



REAL PEOPLE

Bethesda has been faithfully serving people for over 100 years including members of our Central community. Students spent the afternoon interviewing their residents.



REAL WORK

Our students used their biography unit to write about the amazing lives of the residents and used a fraction lesson to measure out the snacks for the treat mix.



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.

PROVIDING A CHRIST-CENTERED, QUALITY EDUCATION TO EQUIP STUDENTS FOR A LIFE OF SERVICE

Elementary Student Discipleship

Parent Newsletter * March Issue



We spent February learning about Justice Seeking. The students had some great discussions about what makes something just or unjust and ways to bring wholeness where there is brokenness. We hope they will continue to see brokenness and find ways to bring wholeness. We enjoyed hearing from Pastor Timmer as he shared about the parable of the rich, young ruler.

We also enjoyed another Flock day where we spent some time making “Bags of Happy” to encourage people in our lives. Our prayer is that the bags were a blessing to the recipients and that the students were also blessed in giving to others.

Our throughline focus for the month of March is Order Discovering. An Order Discoverer can seek and find God’s fingerprints in the intricate and purposeful design of what he has created. By discovering the order in God’s creation we can get to know God and His nature better. One passage of scripture that shows us some of the order of God’s creation is Job 38-40. Here God is responding to Job’s questioning and showing His power as He describes some of the things He created. At our first chapel in March, the students will be challenged to read these chapters with a parent or another adult at home and then share one thing they learned about God from reading these chapters. Our hope is for the students to have eyes opened to see God’s fingerprints throughout God’s creation so they can grow to know Him better.

This Month's Theme Verse

“For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse”

-Romans 1:20

Board Minutes for

Central Minnesota Christian School

Monday, February 26, 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, Ryan Moorlag, Jon De Groot

Devotions: Paul Leverington presented a devotional on the subject of Leadership Development based on Luke 10: 1-24.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve minutes from January 29, 2024 board meeting. MSP
2. Action Items were reviewed
3. Leadership Team Items
 - a. Monthly highlights were shared
 - b. Superintendent Report highlighted the search for a Dean of Students and HS math teacher, proposed communication to the constituency around the organizational chart and spending priorities, preparation of the 24-25 balanced budget, preparation of the 25-26 draft calendar, and Annual Meeting preparation.
 - c. Principal report highlighted the 25-26 Teaching/Academic Calendar, preparing for upcoming events, instructional coaching and a March Out-Service professional development event planned for teachers at Avail Academy.
 - d. Director of Finance report highlighted that re-enrollment is underway, contracts ready to be issued to teachers by the end of the week, an update on the ERC funds, and a draft budget that will be presented at the March board meeting.
 - e. Director of Advancement Work Plan highlighted the 4K Open House on March 12 and New Family Open House on April 11, as well as a targeted event on March 9, start of work on Legacy banquet, and communication relating to the financial aid / enrollment process.
4. Policy Review
 - a. Next policy up for review is the grievance policy.
5. 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 Orientation of New Board Trustees (Chap 12)
 - c. Board Retreat – Jon will send out agenda
6. Finance Committee
 - a. Heidi G presented highlights of the Financial Statements
 - b. Update on ERC funds was given
7. Education Committee
 - a. Christy presented a proposal from Malorie A. regarding implementation of Section 504 plans – vote will be at next meeting
8. Advancement Committee
 - a. Two upcoming Open Houses – 4K and New Family Open Houses
 - b. Discussed family tuition support

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9. New to You
 - a. YTD contribution to CMCS of \$100,200 as compared to \$60,000 from last year
 - b. Handbook update
 - c. Continued proactive evaluation of staff needs to optimize help
10. Governance Committee
 - a. Revisions to the board member voting plan were discussed and approved. MSP
 - b. Update on the board nominee progress
11. Round table
12. Christy G. closed in prayer
13. Next Board Meeting March 18, 2024
14. 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.

Governance Update

Governance Committee Members: Larry Marcus, Lenny Schwitters, Josh Lundeen, Jason Ver Steeg, Paul Leverington, Trevor Duininck (Chair)

The Governance Committee is responsible for ongoing review and recommendations to enhance the effectiveness of the board. Two of our goals for this year focused specifically on the processes and effectiveness of nominating and electing new board members:

- Goal 1 - Improve and execute the Board Pool, Nomination and Election processes to reflect our members and to remain a strong board protecting the mission and advancing the vision of Central.
- Goal 2 - Evaluate our election and voting method to align with our commitment to a “Hospitably Reformed” culture.

The Constitution mandates that we nominate two candidates per open seat. Beyond that, it is not prescriptive in how we go about the process of electing new board members and our methods have been adjusted a few times in recent years to address feedback and challenges it presented in particular to recruiting individuals willing to serve on the board. Hurt feelings and a sense of isolation or lack of community was frequently expressed by individuals who participated or were reluctant to participate. And we have consistently just barely had enough candidates to meet the required 2 nominees per open seat. A lot of energy goes into the cycle each year of adding to the candidate pool, soliciting nominees and running the election itself yet we were often experiencing the process in ways that fractured, rather than built up each other as a Central community.

So in response to this challenge, the Governance Committee set the two goals above with the support of the board and articulated a framework to shape how we thought about a new process that would inform us as we researched how other Christian Schools executed their nomination and election process. The framework is as follows:

Adopt a voting method for selecting Central board members and strengthen the related processes so that we consistently:

- Reflect the values of the school and build community within our membership through this process
 - Confirm nominees on the ballot are committed to the mission and core biblical foundation of Central
 - Elicit a sense of fairness and appropriate transparency consistent with our core values
 - Convey a sense of professionalism and represent Bluejay Nation culture in the most positive ways (Hospitably Reformed).
 - Engage a high percentage of members in the process

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- Solicit a board nominee pool as a healthy cross section of the membership of both well-known and lesser-known members
 - Minimize social risk for members who are willing to be on the ballot
 - Represent the diversity of our members
 - Honor and respect all nominees and ensure they are valued even if they are not selected
- Ensure our members understand the nomination and election processes including the checks and balances inherent in the board oversight
 - The Governance Committee runs the nominee process within the parameters and toward the profile desired by the board (not independent of the board)
 - All nominees are approved by the board before being placed on the ballot
 - All nominees sign a commitment to the school foundation and mission.

Consistent with what was outlined, the board has approved a change to the director election voting process that creates two distinct steps in the election:

- Step 1 – Member Affirmation: members vote to affirm or not affirm each individual nominee on the ballot (candidates are not running against another candidate to fill a seat)
- Step 2 – Selection: Unless an affirmed nominee is a candidate running for a 2nd term, in which case the affirmed incumbent will be seated automatically, the affirmed nominees will be entered into a single, random drawing to fill the remaining open seats.

We are looking forward to executing the new method of affirming and selecting candidates this year. We pray for God’s continued blessing on our community as we seek to honor Him through the work of our school in equipping our next generation for a life of service.



Submitted by Trevor Duinick, Chair



K9 Naming Contest

Our 4th & 5th grade students had the opportunity to participate with the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Department in naming their newest K9 dog. Each student was able to submit their suggested name, but only one name would be chosen.



Congratulations to Tucker Bonnema, 5th grade, on being chosen with the new K9 dog name, Maverick.



Athletic Highlights



Congratulations to Sienna Duinick on her Varsity level 1,000 point milestone, made on February 2 at the Girls Basketball game at Lac qui Parle Valley.



Thank You
for your service!



Join us in thanking Pastor Steve Zwart for serving our school and community in many different ways for the past 25 years. Our basketball teams gifted Pastor Steve a signed basketball as a gesture of our appreciation.

We wish him and his family well as they follow God's leading to South Dakota.

Dordt Honor Band and Orchestra Festival



On February 15-17, Ashlyn Brouwer (oboe), Maggie Setrum (violin), Gabby Pederson (flute), and Carene Jean Louis (flute) were involved in the Dordt Honor Band and Orchestra Festival. This 3-day festival required recorded auditions and was made of high school students from across the country. These nearly 300 students met for the first time on Thursday the 15th, rehearsed together for only a day and a half, then gave a full concert on Saturday the 17th. Congrats to these girls for their hard work and success!

Central Art Gallery



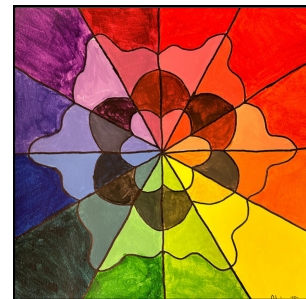
Breanna Duininck, 7th



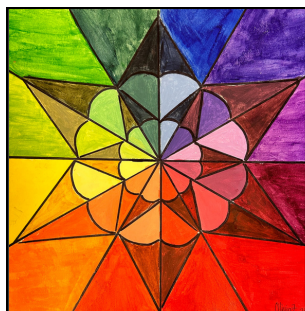
Charles Vogel, 7th



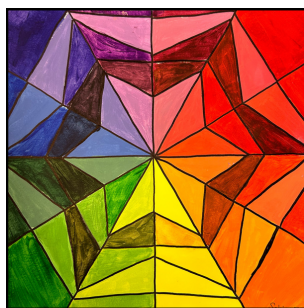
Jamin Buteyn, 7th



Claire Sunvold, 7th



Olivia Ziehl, 7th



Sabine TeBrake, 7th

Acrylic Paintings



Connor Zimmer, 7th

Schedule for TRIP

March	4 & 18
April	8 & 22
May	6 & 20
June	10 & 24

Save the Dates

March 12	4K Open House
March 15	Central Showcase
March 19	MS/HS Spring Concert Choir & Band
March 25-31	Easter Break
April 1	Classes Resume
April 4-6	Spring Play
April 9	Annual Meeting
April 11	School Open House
April 19	Legacy Dinner
April 22 & 23	4K-K Parent Teacher Conferences
April 25	K-5 Spring Program
April 26	K-5 Grandparents Day

NEW

5 DAY

KINDERGARTEN

starting in 2024!

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Central Adventure

From curious **explorers** to accomplished learners, our Elementary program takes students on an academic and spiritual **odyssey** that will prepare them for Middle School and beyond.

In Kindergarten, students are learning how to Know (John 3:16), Grow (1 Thessalonians 3:12), and Show (Ephesians 4:32) God's love through their schoolwork and actions. Kindergarten is a time where students start developing their social skills on how to be a Godly citizen. Students continue to build their foundations of reading and writing through understanding letters and their sounds. In Bible class, students learn more about who God is and how He loves us.

"Our theme is showing Jesus, in how we talk to our friends, how we act at recess, what we do in every aspect of our life. We start with talking about creation in the classroom and that everything we have belongs to God and was made by God."

Lori Braem, Kindergarten Teacher

Our school theme this year is "All Things" from Colossians 1:16-17. Paul writes, "All things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." From creating beauty in art and music, to discovering God's order in math and science, to discerning idols in reading and Bible class, our kindergarteners grow in their knowledge of how Jesus is in all things that we learn and do.

Dean Stier, Principal

"Jesus is interwoven into everything we do from our morning meeting time when we pray to our praise songs that we sing, brought into science lessons and math when we talk about order of things. We talk about how cool it is that God created this earth and the animals that are on it; we talk about gravity and force and motion and how God is in all of it."

Lisa Jerve, 1st Grade Teacher

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

Central Showcase

ART GALLERY

We will be featuring Artwork by Senior Students in Art 3 in the concessions area. See reverse for featured students.



Ashlyn Brouwer

Hi everyone! My name is Ashlyn Brouwer, and I'm a senior at CMCS in Prinsburg. I plan on going to college next year for a major in Graphic Design with a Studio Art or Music Minor. I've always enjoyed creating art, and Art 3 is a great opportunity for me to be able to grow in my abilities and have some creative freedom.

God's own masterpiece, the world around me, is what inspires me to create. My favorite Bible verse is Isaiah 41:13: "For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you." Thank you for coming and supporting!



Hannah Graves

Hello, my name is Hannah Graves, and I am a senior at CMCS in Prinsburg. Next year, I will be attending Dordt University and majoring in Social Work. I've had a great time in Art 3 getting to use acrylics, pencil, watercolor, and oil pastel. I enjoy drawing people, flowers, and fun designs! One of my favorite bible verses is Galatians 2:20: "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Thank you for coming, and thanks to Mrs. Setrum for having us in Art 3!



The Goodness
Coffee Cart

The Goodness Coffee will also have their cart open for beverage purchases in the concessions area.

March 15
5:30pm-7:30pm





CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 9
7pm
Event Center



BETTER TOGETHER



ANNUAL REPORT

A special report sharing how our students are Known Personally, Disciplined Intentionally, and Challenged Academically at Central.



BUSINESS REPORT

An introduction to the 2024-25 budget.



BOARD NOMINEES

Nominees will be introduced and voted on for the open seats on the Central School Board.



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OPEN HOUSE

Join us for a school tour and meet our teachers!
Thursday, April 11 at 6:30pm



Come learn about Central's mission, vision, and values and how Christian education aligns with your family's values. Start your child's educational journey with us for the 2024-25 school year!

Take a sneak peek at what a day at Central looks like!



RSVP for Thursday, April 11



If you are unable to come on April 11, please fill out the form and indicate a date that works for you to come and visit our campus

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 Central Minnesota Christian School
204 School Street - Prinsburg, MN 56281



Save the Date!

Grandparents Day
Friday, April 26th
9:15am-12pm

YOU ARE INVITED



WHEN WE STAND TOGETHER

.....
THE 42ND ANNUAL
LEGACY DINNER
APRIL 19, 2024
.....

6:00PM - PUNCH RECEPTION
6:30PM - DINNER SEATING
SPEAKER ENGAGEMENT AND DESSERT

**CENTRAL MN CHRISTIAN
EVENT CENTER**

THIS IS A FREE EVENT
HOWEVER, AN RSVP IS REQUIRED
PLEASE RESPOND BY APRIL 2ND
OR CODE or 320-978-8700



NATHAN SHACKELFORD, serves as Associate General Counsel at the **First Liberty Institute**, the largest legal institution in the nation dedicated exclusively to defending religious liberty to all faiths. Proactively advocating on the front lines in legal battles involving Christian Education, his stories will inspire you to stand firm in freedom.

WILL YOU STAND WITH US?

JOIN US FOR AN ENGAGING EVENING
IMPELLING BELIEVERS TOWARDS THE
INVESTMENT IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
CENTRAL MN CHRISTIAN

TIM BENZ currently serves as the President of **MINNDEPENDENT**, a trusted partner to Central, who advocates to ensure local and state policy makers understand and support policies and practices that strengthen Minnesota's private schools while allowing them to remain student-centered and mission-driven.



FUNDRAISING EFFORTS TO SUPPORT CMCS



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Celebration

**June
29**

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OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES. PARADE.



Prinsburg, MN



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New to You News

The Monthly Minute

February

Number of items processed:

19,031

Almost 7,000 more than
last year this month!

Sell-through rate:

75%

Total Sales:

\$66,907

Compared to last year:

740 more transactions
that last year!

\$56,692

Total Volunteer Hours:

466

Volunteer Hours last year:

361

Contribution to Central:

\$12,000



**Praise and
Opportunity:**

**We had a great Staff
Inservice the 19th and 22nd.**

**We were concerned our sales
would suffer from retail being
closed on 19th but the
remaining five days gained
\$3,000 more in sales
than any other
President's Day week!**

We are truly blessed!

Central Spring Sports Clothing Store

Bluejay Clothing Stores are Open! Go to www.rambow.com and enter your form code.



Bluejay Baseball Store - order by March 11 with code: CMCSBB

Bluejay Track & Field - order by March 11 with code: CENTRALTRACK



Bluejay Golf Store - order by March 11 with code: CENTRALGOLF

Central CABLE



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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