

Welcome



**CENTRAL MINNESOTA
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**



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SUPERINTENDENT'S WELCOME

Dear Families,

For more than 100 years, Central Minnesota Christian School has been delivering Christ-centered quality education, equipping students for a life of service. I am a proud alumnus. God has combined a rural-agriculture setting with innovative minds, midwest work ethic, and family values to forge this hidden gem in the heart of Minnesota. Students at Central step into a rich legacy stream of Christian commitment and Reformed worldview.

We still believe that when the family, church, and school are unified in their vision for a child's development and education, they form a three-legged stool that sets our children up to reach higher. Our vision of success is the formation of effective kingdom citizens who are in the world but not of it. Central graduates ought to be the best lovers, caregivers, and friends. The world needs the presence of Christ to be lived out through us as admired thought leaders, respected business owners, excellent co-workers, and faithful employees. We want God to be glorified through our graduates who are known for their Christ-saturated character and purpose-driven living.

With you,

Jon De Groot
Superintendent

MISSION

Our mission is to provide "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 communication 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 13:12; Titus 2:7; Phil 1:9-10)

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; Isa 58:10)

SCHOOL HOURS

Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 3:15 pm

4K meets 2 days per week (M/W or T/Th) half-day or full-day options and Friday option

*NEW in 2024-2025

Kindergarten meets 5 days a week (Monday - Friday)

We have included a sample school calendar.

OFFICE HOURS

During the school year our office hours are from 7:30am - 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. After hours you can reach our general voice mail and calls will be returned the next business day.

If there is no school, the office is closed and staff can be reached via email. Our staff directory is located on the school website.

Summer hours are Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm. Closed on Fridays.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is included in the cost of tuition. We make every effort to provide front door service within our bus routes.

Please contact Michelle Schwitters at the school to schedule busing at (320)978-8700 or via email at advancement@centralbluejays.org if you have questions about transportation.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

We offer a wide variety of fine arts, athletic, club and other extra-curricular activities. To see the full list of activities that are offered, visit our website under Student Life for details.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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| Superintendent - Jon De Groot | jondg@centralbluejays.org | 605-359-1411 |
| Dean Stier - Principal | deans@centralbluejays.org | 320-905-3077 |
| Admissions - Michelle Schwitters | advancement@centralbluejays.org | 320-894-4097 |
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| Guidance - Malorie Antony | maloriea@centralbluejays.org | 320-978-8700 |
| Schedules - Cassie Slagter | cassies@centralbluejays.org | 320-978-8700 |
| Technology - Heather Link | heatherl@centralbluejays.org | 320-978-8700 |

FACTS - STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

FACTS provides the technology and communication so you can connect with your student and school easily and on your schedule. Check grades, pay for lunch, and keep up to date on everything going on at school with the FACTS Family Portal. Our district code is CM-MN.

We have also launched a custom family app that is available in the apple store or android platform to make information accessible from your smartphone.

FINANCIAL AID

The mission of Central Minnesota Christian School is to provide a Christ-centered, quality education to equip students for a life of service. We want to 'Bridge the Gap' for families who want to invest in Christian education for their children.

The FACTS Financial Aid and Grant tool assesses the needs for financial assistance for our families (not available for 4K). Financial aid is awarded based on need.



WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

- An active partnership with Central in the education of your child/ren
- Christ-centered curriculum and instruction
- Teachers who hold a high standard of academic excellence
- Decision-making that places the well-being of our students first
- Discipline that is restorative, not punitive
- Financial stewardship
- Measurable academic growth
- A clear graduation track for your student
- Proactive communication and transparency from school leadership
- Students who receive personal attention and faculty engagement
- Ownership of our mistakes
- An eagerness for feedback
- Continual growth and development

WHAT WE CAN EXPECT

- Covenantal commitment to our mission, vision, and values
- A partnership from home in the spiritual formation of our students
- Active participation in a local church
- Financial commitments honored with generosity
- Volunteer service hours fulfilled with a joyful spirit
- Pro-active communication of expectations and needs
- A home environment that fosters the student's academic pursuits
- Parents who are life-long learners

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Being involved is the best way to be a part of the school community. We value being Better Together and can do this by serving alongside one another. Here are some of the opportunities to serve in our school:

School Board

This governing body, consisting of 10 directors, works closely with the Superintendent as the vision-keepers of our school's mission, vision, and values.

Finance Committee

This committee guides the financial health of our organization through long-range planning, budgeting, and the financial aid process.

Education Committee

This committee is responsible for reviewing the educational plans and policies and ensuring that they align with the school's mission, vision, and values. They also review testing practices, results, and reporting.

Advancement Committee

This committee guides our fund development policies, enrollment development, volunteer management, and advancement plans.

Governance Committee

This committee oversees the committee mandates and reviews the policies, by-laws & constitution of the school to ensure that they are consistent with our practices.

Athletic Committee

This committee helps to guide our athletic policies and provides general support for the athletic department. The Tournament Committee is a sub-committee that helps plan and execute the various tournaments.

New 2 You Advisory Committee

This committee supports the store's efforts, community involvement & volunteers and offers support to the staff.

Legacy Committee

This committee plans and executes this annual spring event that helps generate funds for the special projects that benefit our staff and students.

Freedom Fun Days Committee

This committee plans and executes this summer event which includes a dinner, parade, inflatables, softball tournament, and entertainment before the fireworks.

Harvest Festival Committee

This committee plans and executes this annual fall event that helps generate funds that benefit our staff and students. The event includes a ham dinner, kids carnival, snack booths, and a live & silent auction.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Open House (the week before the school year begins)

- Meet your teachers, see your classrooms, and take your school picture.

Middle and High School Retreat (September)

- These parent-led events are intended to build community and deepen our student's relationship with Jesus. Typically 2-3 days long, from Friday-Saturday/Sunday.

Athletic Orientation Meeting (August - before fall sports practices begin)

- All athletes and parents are encouraged to attend to review athletic policies & forms and connect with the coaches.

Ecology Trip

- Offered to students who take Ecology and provides a 3-day experience up north to enhance their classroom learning.

Harvest Festival (3rd Saturday of November)

- One of our largest fundraisers of the year. Each family is asked to serve during this event.
- Includes many activities and booths, as well as Live and Silent auctions.

Washington DC Trip (November)

- Offered to our senior students who take government classes and provides an opportunity to extend the classroom learning experience to our nation's capital.

Fall and Spring Conferences (November/February)

- An opportunity to connect one-on-one with teachers during the fall and spring.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES CONT'D

Winterim (January - the week after Christmas break)

- This week-long program takes place at the end of 1st semester for high school students. It was created, so students have a purposeful learning experience beyond the traditional classroom and an opportunity to explore areas of interest.

Spiritual Emphasis Week (February/March)

- A week of intentional time set aside to encourage our students to deepen their faith.

Central Showcase (March)

- This is our academic showcase where all our students display art projects, classroom projects, our live 5th-grade wax museum, and much more.

Annual Meeting (2nd Tuesday in April)

- This is our annual meeting for all families and constituents, where we update you on the school finances, academic programming, and other pertinent information.

Middle School Science Camp / Camp Encounter

- Offered to 6th & 7th-grade students and provides a 2-day camp experience in the Spicer area to enhance classroom learning.

Mission Trips (April)

- Our juniors and seniors have the opportunity to go on a mission trip sponsored by area leaders in the spring that is either work or evangelism-focused.

Grandparent's Day (April)

- A special day for our K-5th grade students and their grandparents.

High School & Middle School Orientation

- Incoming 9th graders are invited to a special evening where they register for classes and learn more about high school.
- Incoming 6th graders and parents are invited to a special meeting where they learn more about middle school.

Prom (First weekend in May)

- Junior & Senior students enjoy a special evening with a grand march and a banquet.

Parent Senior Banquet

Pops Concert

- This fun musical concert is the last of the season, where free pop and popcorn are served.





APPLICATION PROCESS

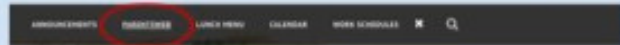
- Come and visit our campus. This is a great way to get to know us!
- Complete the online enrollment application (4K - 12th application).
- Have a brief interview to become better acquainted with our mission, vision, and values.
- Receive an official welcome call from our Superintendent.
- Complete the enrollment packet.
- Transfer student records, if applicable.

FACTS 101



Here's how to access our easy-to-use FACTS Family Portal:

- Make sure that the school has your email address in FACTS.
- Go to the school website www.cmcschool.org, click on the menu bar at the top right 
Select *ParentsWeb* which will take you to the Family Portal login.
- Type the school's District Code CM-MN 
- Click Create New Family Portal Account.
- Type your email address and click Create Account. An email will be sent which includes a link to create your Family Portal login. The link is active for 6 hours.
- Select the Click to Create your Family Portal login link.
- A web browser displays your Name and Family Portal Person ID.
- Type a User Name, Password, and Confirm the password.
- Click Save User Name and/or Password. A message displays at the top of the browser, "User Name/Password successfully updated."
- You may now log in to FACTS Family Portal using your new User Name and Password.
- Family Portal allows you to access:
 - Student attendance and daily grades
 - Progress reports, reports cards and transcripts
 - Lunch menus/order forms o Family/staff directory
 - Update your family contact info/emergency contact info o FACTS/tuition info



How to Use FACTS

Use your Smartphone camera to click the QR code below or go to <https://vimeo.com/152634570>

Password: Portal



Use your Smartphone camera to download the FACTS app here! Or search for Central MN Christian School in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store



For any questions or password resetting, contact Tech Coordinator, Heather Link...heatherl@cmcschool.org

NEW Custom FACTS App For Families

Download our new Central app that is fully integrated with FACTS.

Here are some of the benefits:

- Easy mobile access. School information is available whenever (and wherever) your parents need it
- Simple login. Once a parent logs in to a FACTS student information system (SIS) feature, it automatically logs them into all SIS features in the app
- Organized schedules. Keep track of lunch menus, calendars, and other school events
- View schedules, daily announcements, lunch menu, etc from the home page
- Grades are easily navigated for every course and student
- 30-day login access
- Make payments right from the app

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**COMMITTED TO OUR MISSION AND
VISION**



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COMMITTED TO OUR VALUES

Central Minnesota Christian School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. Central Minnesota Christian School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.