

Annual Central Events & Experiences

Throughout the school year, Central Minnesota Christian School hosts a variety of events and experiences designed to bring students, families, alumni, and the greater community together. From classroom celebrations and educational trips to faith-building retreats and community fundraisers, these events are an important part of the Central experience.

Back-to-School Events

Open House | August

Our annual Open House welcomes students and families back to Central as we prepare for a new school year. Students have the opportunity to meet their teachers, visit their classrooms, reconnect with classmates, and take their school pictures. The evening also provides an opportunity for families to become familiar with the building and prepare for the first day of school.

New Family Orientation | August

Designed specifically for families who are new to Central, this event provides an opportunity to meet school leadership, connect with teachers, and become familiar with the school. Families are joined by school board members for a meal and then, through a presentation, receive helpful information and have the opportunity to ask questions as they prepare for their first year at Central.

Athletic Orientation | August

Student-athletes and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend this annual meeting to review athletic policies, required forms, expectations, and other important information for the upcoming season. Families also have an opportunity to connect with coaches.

Middle School and High School Orientation | August

These orientation events help students and families prepare for the transition into middle school and high school. Incoming sixth graders learn about middle school expectations and opportunities. Incoming freshmen receive information about high school academics, course registration, and student life.

Convocation | August

Convocation is a first day of school tradition when students, parents, staff, and community members gather in the courtyard to begin the school year together with worship, prayer, and a special message from school leadership before students are dismissed to their classrooms by grade.

Faith Formation & Student Experiences

Middle School and High School Retreats | September

Our annual retreats provide dedicated time for students to strengthen their relationships with Jesus and one another outside the traditional classroom setting. Led with the support of parents and community members, these retreats include opportunities for worship, spiritual growth, fellowship, and relationship-building.

The middle school retreat is typically a one-day experience at a local host site. The high school retreat is generally a weekend experience at Lake Geneva Christian Center near Alexandria, Minnesota.

Mission Trip | April

Juniors and seniors have the opportunity to participate in a spring mission trip sponsored by area leaders and churches. These trips focus on service or evangelism, allowing students to put their faith into action, serve others, and experience ministry beyond their everyday surroundings.

Academic Experiences & Trips

Ecology Trip | October

Students enrolled in Ecology have the opportunity to participate in a three-day trip to northern Minnesota. This experience extends classroom learning into the natural environment, providing opportunities for hands-on exploration and a deeper understanding of ecological concepts and what it means to be creation enjoyers.

Washington, D.C., Trip | November

Seniors enrolled in Government have the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C., to extend their classroom learning. The trip allows students to experience the nation's capital firsthand and connect their study of government with real-world experiences.

Winterim | January

Winterim is a weeklong program held at the end of the first semester for high school students. Designed to provide purposeful learning beyond the traditional classroom, Winterim gives students the opportunity to explore personal interests, develop practical skills, and participate in unique educational experiences.

Middle School Camp Encounter | May, Every Other Year

Offered to sixth and seventh grade students, Camp Encounter is a two-day outdoor educational experience in the Spicer area designed to deepen students' relationships with God, one another and His creation. Through hands-on activities such as orienteering, pond studies, archery, and geocaching students connect classroom learning with the world around them while developing new skills, teamwork and adaptability. Campfires, journaling, and group devotions provide meaningful opportunities for students to grow in their faith and encounter God in new ways outside the traditional classroom setting.

Family Engagement & School Community

Parent-Teacher Conferences | November

Held each fall, parent-teacher conferences provide dedicated time for parents and teachers to discuss student progress, celebrate growth, and identify opportunities for continued development. These conversations help strengthen the partnership between home and school.

Veterans Day Assembly | November

Each Veterans Day, Central is honored to welcome area veterans and their families for a special program recognizing the men and women who have selflessly served our country. The event features a guest speaker, student musical performances, spoken word presentations, student artwork, and more. Through this meaningful celebration, our students and school community come together to express their gratitude, honor the sacrifices of our veterans, and recognize the freedoms we enjoy because of their service.

Central Showcase | February

Central Showcase is an opportunity to celebrate student learning and creativity across multiple grade levels. Families and community members are invited to explore student artwork, classroom projects, and academic displays, including the popular fifth grade wax museum and eighth grade science fair. The event offers a firsthand look at the learning taking place at Central.

Grandparents Day | April

Grandparents Day welcomes grandparents and special guests of students in kindergarten through fifth grade to experience a glimpse of life at Central. Guests have the opportunity to visit classrooms and enjoy a special chapel as we celebrate the important role grandparents play in the lives of our students.

Annual Meeting | April

The Annual Meeting brings Central families and constituents together to receive updates on the school's finances, academic programming, and other important developments. It provides an opportunity to stay informed about the school's operations and direction.

Senior Capstone | May

Senior Capstone is an opportunity for Central's graduating seniors to share how they plan to live out their faith beyond the classroom and into their future careers. As the culmination of their Bible 12 Capstone curriculum, students are grouped by industry and deliver 10-minute presentations before a panel of business professionals. Families, peers, and community members are invited to attend as students share how they hope to integrate their faith into their chosen professions. This meaningful experience celebrates their spiritual growth and challenges them to carry Central's mission into the next chapter of their lives.

Student Celebrations & Milestones

Prom | May

Prom is a special spring tradition celebrating Central's upperclassmen. Juniors and seniors are invited to participate in an evening that includes a Grand March and banquet-style supper. Junior students and their class advisors take the lead in planning and organizing the event.

Parent-Senior Banquet | May

This special evening brings graduating seniors and their parents together to celebrate the memories, friendships, and milestones that have shaped their years at Central. Through a shared meal, memory slideshow, and fun activities, families have an opportunity to reflect on their time as part of the Central community.

Graduation | May

Graduation is an opportunity for the entire Central community to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating seniors. Together, we reflect on their years at Central, celebrate their achievements, and send them into their next chapter.

Fundraising & Community Celebrations

Harvest Festival | November

As the harvest season comes to a close, Central families, alumni, and community members gather to celebrate God's faithfulness and give thanks for His many blessings. One of Central's annual fundraisers, Harvest Festival is an evening filled with fellowship, fun, and generosity. The event features a variety of activities, booths, and live and silent auctions, offering something for all ages to enjoy. More than just a fundraiser, Harvest Festival is an opportunity to come together in gratitude, celebrate God's provision, and support Central's mission of providing Christ-centered education.

Legacy Dinner | April

Legacy Dinner is a special evening that brings together Central parents, grandparents, and community members to celebrate the school's legacy and support its ongoing mission. One of the highlights of the event is the creativity of our parent volunteers, who host and decorate tables in their own unique styles, making each year's dinner a one-of-a-kind experience! Throughout the evening, guests hear inspiring stories from Central students and staff, offering a glimpse into the meaningful work happening in our classrooms and hallways each day. More than just a fundraiser, Legacy Dinner is an opportunity to celebrate the lasting impact of Christian education and invest in Central's future.

Alumni Day | February

Each February, we welcome Central alumni back to Bluejay Nation for a fun-filled day of basketball, fellowship, and school spirit! The event features a girls' and boys' basketball doubleheader, an alumni pep band, halftime entertainment, prizes, and a fundraising meal supporting a Central activity. Alumni Day is a great opportunity for former students, families, and friends to reconnect, cheer on the Bluejays, and celebrate the Central community!

Freedom Fun Days | July

Freedom Fun Days is a longstanding tradition that brings together Central families, alumni, and the broader community for two days of celebration. The event serves as both the school's largest annual fundraiser and the city of Prinsburg's summer festival.

At the heart of Freedom Fun Days is the Freedom Fun Run, which welcomes approximately 1,200 runners and walkers of all ages and abilities each year. Thanks to the generous support of local business sponsors, every participant helps generate a donation to Central, directly supporting the school's mission of providing Christ-centered education.

The two-day celebration also features a community church service, pork dinner, games, parade, and evening fireworks, offering something for the whole family to enjoy.