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SOMETHING FROM THE MENU...

Have you ever been exasperated with someone who lacks basic customer service skills? I'm not talking about frustrations from not getting your way, but when there is a clear disconnect from the mission. When they miss the whole point.

My wife and I experienced this in a well-known ice cream establishment last year. She asked for a dish of ice cream with a scoop of M&M's. The girl behind the register just stared blankly and said, "I'm sorry, but we can't do that."

Thinking she was unclear, she tried again: "Just vanilla ice cream with some M&M's."

"I'm sorry, but I can't do that."

I tried to help, "You can just charge us for a Blizzard or a sundae."

Digging in her heels, she said, "I'm sorry, you'll have to order something from the menu."

I don't think she was being rude, and she didn't even seem angry. Her reality was just the menu, and she wasn't able to see beyond it.

When we got home and shared the story with our kids, I said, "Be grateful for your education."

We've all heard phrases like: "Common sense isn't common" and "People need to be taught to think for themselves." It is true, and unfortunately, a lot of schools today feel more like diploma factories, training students to follow systems without understanding purpose.

Central is different. Service is at the heart of our mission - but our customer is the Lord.

Our broad education aims to form thoughtful, well-rounded individuals rather than focusing on technical training for a single career path. Rooted in the liberal arts, we engage students across the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and mathematics. The goal is not simply the accumulation of knowledge, but character development, critical thinking, clear communication, ethical reasoning, and the ability to connect ideas across disciplines...

All for the purpose of preparing them to wisely, creatively, and faithfully serve the Master wherever he calls them. We are forming people who understand the mission!

Jon De Groot, Superintendent



KNOWN PERSONALLY



DISCIPLINED INTENTIONALLY



CHALLENGED ACADEMICALLY

STUDENT DISCIPLESHIP

“Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,” Psalm 115:1

ELEMENTARY UPDATE:

For the fourth quarter of the school year, the elementary student discipleship activities are focused on the throughline Beauty Creator. Our hope with this throughline is for students to learn that they can use their creativity and innovation to bring glory to God. We started off the month hearing from area artist, Michele Steffen. She did a live demonstration of watercolors for us and reminded us of the truth that God is the original creator, and when we use the creativity He’s given us, we bring glory to Him. We will practice beauty creating throughout the rest of our small groups for the year, creating a group display and signs for our end of the year Field Day. If your family is interested in talking more about beauty creating at home, check out this [Beauty Creating Devotion](#) put out by Teaching for Transformation.

We also had our last Flock day of the year in April. We worked on making encouragement cards, which are on the way to Haiti to hopefully bring a smile to the faces of the students at ICEP as they head into their final weeks of school. Another special event in April was Grandparents Day, where grandparents joined us at a chapel to close out the day. Hearing several generations of voices joining together to praise our faithful God was a fantastic way to end that day.

— Mrs. Becky Berry, Academic Support Coordinator & Elementary Student Discipleship Coordinator



Elementary chapel with artist, Michele Steffen.



Students writing encouraging cards during Flock day.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE:

Our high school Student Worship Team accepted an invitation to lead the elementary chapel in worship ... it proved to be the right decision, as it was considered a win-win for all who were involved. The high school students loved using their gifts to serve not only their own classmates, but even students from the other end of the building. Likewise, by the energy in the room, each elementary student and their teachers appeared to receive a rich blessing.

Coexisting in shared spaces, we forfeited our chapel venue to another school related activity. This posed a challenge that I willingly embraced by shifting the corporate chapel format into a squad chapel modification. Though there was a measure of hesitancy, it inevitably concluded with high praises from both faculty and students. This opportunity was capitalized on by gazing inward, reflecting on our spiritual journey, then formulating that into our faith story. Each student was presented with tools to draft their own testimony...for many, it was incredibly enlightening.

Another great gathering was accomplished when a chapel service was dedicated to hearing about all of the God stories shared by the students who participated in the New York City Mission Trip. There were a plethora of landmark moments for many, and multiple milestones encountered by every student. Lives were permanently affected, and transformation occurred on both sides of the ledger.

— Mr. Bill Hodge, Faith Formation Coordinator

Graduation 2026



Join us in honoring the achievements of our graduating Class of 2026 on Friday, May 22, at 5:00pm in the Central Event Center. We celebrate their incredible journey through high school and all their accomplishments. We join in the anticipation as they prepare to embark on the next chapter of their lives. We give God all the glory and thank Him for all He has done in the lives of our Seniors!

Class Verse: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes." Romans 1:16 ESV

Class Flower: Light Pink Tulip

Welcome ROBERT LUND

Family:

My fiancée Dayna and I will be getting married this June.

Position:

Middle School ELA Teacher

Church:

Escondido United Reformed Church

Hobbies:

I enjoy reading, fishing, hiking, camping, and many other outdoor activities.

How will you use your relationship with Jesus in your position at Central?

I will use my relationship with Christ to teach with devotion and compassion, to encourage students through my speech, actions, and instruction, and to be a light in the lives of students.



**JOIN US IN WELCOMING ROBERT
TO BLUEJAY NATION**

Welcome MARY BREDECK

**Family:**

My family includes my parents, Mike and Sue Bredeck, along with my three sisters and their families: Laura and Chris Johnson and their children, Vivi and Oliver; Kate and Donnie Firstahl; and Mollie and Joe Anderson and their children, Connor, Camden, Callie, and Crosbee.

Position:

Director of Finance and HR

Hobbies:

I enjoy crafting, reading, and being with friends and family! I also enjoy golfing and spending time at the lake during the summer.

How will you use your relationship with Jesus in your role at Central?

I have always had a deep passion for education. With 20 years in the accounting profession, I feel called to bridge my professional background with the mission at Central. I've seen God's hand in every step of this transition, and I look forward to serving the students, families, and surrounding communities while also growing in my faith alongside the school.



JOIN US IN WELCOMING MARY TO BLUEJAY NATION

Welcome JODI WUBBEN

Family:

My husband, Aaron, and I have two daughters: Evelyn and Freya

Position:

5th Grade Teacher

Church:

Roseland Reformed Church

Hobbies:

I enjoy reading, running, and spending time with family.

How will you use your relationship with Jesus in your position at Central?

I will use my relationship with Jesus in everything I do! Christian education is so special to me, and I love sharing my faith as I teach students about God and his world!



JOIN US IN WELCOMING JODI TO BLUEJAY NATION

Welcome

AUSTIN HEMANN

Family:

I am married to Central alumni Elli (Stoel), and we have one son, Grayson.

Position:

Assistant Baseball Coach

Church:

Unity Christian Reformed Church

Hobbies:

I enjoy watching and playing sports, fishing, bicycling, and enjoying the great outdoors.

How will you use your relationship with Jesus in your position at Central?

I will use my relationship with Jesus Christ to coach with integrity, patience, and servant leadership, focusing on building character, encouraging growth, and leading by example both on and off the field.



**JOIN US IN WELCOMING AUSTIN
TO BLUEJAY NATION**

Bus Drivers Needed!

We currently have a critical need for two route bus drivers for the 2026-2027 school year. Filling these positions is essential to ensuring we can safely and reliably transport our students each day.

In addition to competitive pay, drivers receive tuition credits, which can be used for your own family or shared with others. For example, a grandparent may apply credits toward a grandchild's tuition. A full-time driver has the opportunity to earn tuition remission benefits equal to one full student's tuition.

If you, or someone you know, is interested, please contact Jon De Groot at the high school office as soon as possible for more information.



The Year in Review

By: Student Body President, Henry Ammermann

My name is Henry Ammermann, and I am the Student Body President for the 2025-2026 school year. Serving and representing the student body has been both an honor and an incredible experience.

As a part of the student council, our primary goal is to plan engaging events and make fair decisions that appeal to the majority of our students. We kicked off this year with the fall party, where classes split into male and female teams to compete in a flag football tournament.



Over the winter, we hosted our annual winter party, which was packed with skits, ugly sweaters, gingerbread house building, and prizes. Planning and participating in these events is always a blast, but seeing the fierce competition between the juniors and seniors is what truly elevates them.

Throughout the year, I have watched the student body grow immensely, not only in faith but also in our school spirit. I absolutely love attending our games and watching the student section cheer their hearts out for our teams. It has been a true blessing to be a part of this council and to witness firsthand how zealous our students are for their school.



Every student here at Central brings unique gifts and talents to the table. Whether your passion lies in sports, theater, music, or the robotics team, our student body is defined by the diverse and amazing people within it. Speaking of sports, both our boys' and girls' basketball teams had incredibly successful and competitive seasons this year. Our boys' team battled its way to the sectional finals, while our girls' team placed third in the state, marking the furthest a girls' basketball team has ever gone in our school's history. The energy from the students and families who came out to support them made those achievements even more unforgettable.



Now, as the end of the school year quickly approaches, I know that both students and teachers are getting a bit antsy. Graduation is within earshot, and I find myself looking back at my life here at Central. Having attended this school since preschool, the students, teachers, and staff have made my journey here deeply enjoyable and worthwhile. As I prepare to leave, I can proudly say that Central has equipped me, along with my fellow seniors, for whatever the future holds after high school, and for that, I am forever grateful.



Quarter 3 ~ 2025-2026

*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 of Central!



High School Shout Outs

- Ella Brouwer
- Reece Duininck
- Kylan Groen
- Emmelia Hodge
- Harper Larkin
- *Macie Rausch
- Isaak Rohlik
- Kaiden Ruis
- Madison Vogel



Middle School Shout Outs

- Amari Alle
- Leeland Brower
- Addyson Fagen
- *Lucas Jerve
- Jedidiah Slagter
- Jackson Taatjes
- Jocelyn Taatjes
- Oliver Vogel
- Elizabeth Wieberdink
- Ian Ziehl



Elementary Shout Outs

- Lydia Berry
- Wyatt Bradford
- Sadie Brown
- Owen Buehler
- Kyla Buteyn
- James Cleary
- Beckham Daugherty
- Owen Daugherty
- Vivian Feikema
- *Kade Hovland
- Connor Marcus
- Owen Orsten
- Brooklyn Punt
- Grace Punt
- Michael Swanson
- Oliver Taatjes
- Leila Vander Woude
- Ellianna Zimmer



SATURDAY, JULY 4 2026

25TH FREEDOM FUN RUN



& ADAM'S RACE

Hosted by:



HELP MAKE THIS MILESTONE YEAR THE BIGGEST YET!

As we celebrate 25 years of the Freedom Fun Run, we're close to achieving an incredible milestone – nearing \$2 million raised for Central over the last 25 years. Join us as a runner or sponsor and help us cross the finish line together!

Central Counselor's Corner

College Visits

Central welcomed representatives from a variety of institutions this spring, providing students with valuable insight into future opportunities in higher education and military service. Through these visits, students were able to learn more about academic programs, campus life, admissions processes, and potential career pathways. Representatives included those from University of Northwestern – St. Paul, Calvin University, and the Minnesota Army National Guard, among others, giving students a broad perspective on the options available to them after high school.

PSEO Informational Meeting

Current sophomores and juniors attended a PSEO (Postsecondary Enrollment Options) informational meeting on March 3. PSEO allows eligible high school students to take college-level courses, often at little to no cost, while still in high school. During the meeting, we reviewed how the program works, discussed eligibility requirements, and explained how students can earn both high school and college credit at the same time. This opportunity provides a valuable way for students to challenge themselves academically while exploring potential college and career pathways.

ASVAB Day

Current juniors took the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) on April 20. The ASVAB is a career exploration assessment that helps students identify their strengths and interests across a variety of skill areas, including math, science, and verbal reasoning. While it is used by the military for enlistment purposes, taking the test did not commit students to military service. Instead, it provided helpful insight into potential career paths and served as a valuable tool as students began thinking about life after high school.

Renville-Sibley's Scholar of the Month Program

Central is proud to participate in the Renville-Sibley Scholar of the Month Program. During the months of November through February, teachers from local school districts nominate one High School Senior from their school. From the pool of nominees, two students are randomly selected to receive a \$100 donation made to their school in their honor. The chosen student gets to decide which school program, such as music, athletics, or the arts, will benefit from the donation. In April, a banquet was held to recognize all the students selected throughout the year and their families. At the event, one of the honorees was randomly chosen to receive a \$1,000 scholarship from Renville-Sibley.

- January Nominee - Elzie Wassenaar
- February Nominee - Sydney Watson

CDL Knowledge and Theory

Central partnered with Ridgewater College this year to offer a CDL (Commercial Driver's License) course, giving students the opportunity to actively work toward earning their CDL while still in high school. The course included a simulator day, where students in the program, along with other interested students, had the chance to experience what it is like to operate a commercial vehicle in various settings. It will also include an employer day, during which local CDL businesses come to Central to speak with the students, share insight about the field, and discuss potential career opportunities.



MEET THE TEACHER

Get to Know

Mrs. Heather Daugherty

Family: Tyler & Heather, Owen (8), Olivia (7), Bridger (5), and Tillie (3)

Why did you choose to teach at Central, and what do you enjoy most?

I chose to teach at Central because I value being part of a Christ-centered community where I can openly share my faith while teaching. What I enjoy most is building relationships with students and watching them grow—not just academically, but also in maturity and faith.

What do you like to do in your free time?

In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family, going to the lake, watching/playing sports, reading books, gardening, and raising chickens.

What is your deep hope for your students while in your classroom?

My deep hope is that students see math as more than numbers-- that they discover God's order in it, find joy in learning, and do their best, even when it's hard.

Prayer requests?

Prayers for patience, wisdom, and energy as I teach and support my students each day.



Mrs. Daugherty
Middle School Math

This or That?

Coffee or Tea - Coffee

Movie or Book - Book

Beach or Mountains - Beach

Pencil & Paper or Electronic - Pencil & Paper

Cats or Dogs - Cats

Fruits or Vegetables - Fruit

Sweet or Salty - Sweet

Farm or City - Farm

Weekends or Weekdays - Weekends

Morning Person or Night Owl - Night Owl



Alumni Spotlight

where are they now. . .

Marcia Swanson



Family:

My husband Mike and our kids Makayla, Mason, and Mattix.

What year did you graduate from Central?

1997

What is your favorite hobby?

I enjoy hunting deer and pheasant. I also love thrifting and collecting gnomes. My favorite TV series is Yellowstone.

What advice would you give to current students about preparing for life after graduation?

My advice to current students would be not to stress about having your entire life mapped out. Very few people do. Growth happens step by step. What matters is being willing to move forward, even when unsure. Take every job seriously. Entry-level roles teach you how to show up on time, work with people, solve problems, and handle responsibility. Those are skills that open up doors later.

Where has life taken you since graduation, and what did you study or major in college?

I started working part-time at the Cash Wise bakery during high school and continued working there on weekends throughout college at MinnWest as a dental assistant. I worked at an orthodontic office in Willmar, then was offered a full-time bakery clerk position, which developed into managing the bakery department. I was there for 27 years. The last 5 years were spent helping them part-time with cake decorating, while transitioning into my role at B's Chocolate. I apprenticed as a chocolatier and production manager, and now I am the Director of Operations at B's.

How did your experience at Central shape who you are today?

My experience at Central laid a foundation that carried through each stage of my journey—from customer-facing work to specialized training and eventually leadership. This gave me values like responsibility, service, and personal growth.

Starting at Cash Wise, I developed reliability, communication skills, and a strong work ethic—qualities that I trace back to the structured values at Central. Moving into dental assisting school, I wanted to invest in myself and pursue a more skilled, people-centered role.

Transitioning into a chocolatier, I was able to add creativity, attention to detail, and pride in craftsmanship. It's not a typical career move, but I wanted to try a new craft.

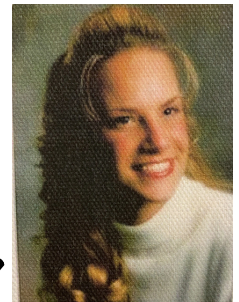
Finally, becoming a Director of Operations ties it all together. Leadership at that level requires organization, accountability, and the ability to guide others. I built this over time through consistent expectations, mentorship, and a sense of purpose.

My experience at Central likely shaped me into someone who values hard work, embraces growth opportunities, and is comfortable stepping into leadership while staying grounded in service and integrity.

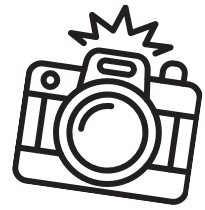
What are some of your favorite memories from your time at Central?

Some of my favorite memories are the friendships I made and the athletics I was involved in, and what those experiences taught me.

Senior Picture

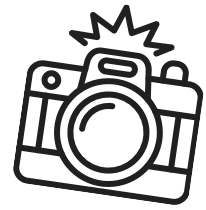


STUDENT LIFE



- A. Our juniors and seniors went on an incredible mission trip to New York City where they served, grew, and shared the love of Jesus.**
- B. Our elementary students singing during their Spring Concert.**
- C. Our elementary students enjoyed welcoming their special guests and grandparents at Grandparent's Day.**
- D. Our students enjoyed hay rides, farm animals, and exploring farm equipment on Ag Day.**
- E. We are so proud of our students for their amazing performances of the spring play, "Charlotte's Web."**
- F. Our 4K students performing for their family and friends during their Spring Fling concert.**

STUDENT LIFE



A. Several students along with school leadership and board members attended the Willmar Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. Together with other members of the faith and business communities, gathered to pray for the city of Willmar and surrounding towns.

B. Congratulations to Griffin De Groot for earning 2nd place in the 2026 Congressional Art Competition, with his artwork "Trout" to be displayed in Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach's Washington, D.C. office for a year.

C. Our 6th graders brought learning to life by interviewing Bethesda residents, writing biographies, and sharing them through presentations, photos, quotes, and a student-made snack mix.

D. High school art students had an opportunity to work on the pottery wheel, shaping clay into unique, one-of-a-kind creations.

E. Congratulations to Maggie Setrum and Reece Duinick for earning the Dordt Defender Award of Excellence at Dordt University's 4th Annual High School Art Showcase.

WINTER ATHLETICS UPDATE

Congratulations to our talented student-athletes and coaches on their well-deserved awards!
Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance both on and off the court inspire us.
We are so proud of your achievements!



Girls Basketball:

Emmi Braem - All Conference, All Area (Third Team), State Tournament Class A All Tournament Team

Sienna Duinick - All Conference, All Area (First Team), MGBCA Class A All State Team, State Tournament Class A All Tournament Team

Carrie Mulder - All Conference, Academic All Conference (3.75 GPA or higher), MGBCA Academic All State (3.8 cumulative GPA or higher)

Peighton Mulder - Academic All Conference (3.75 GPA or higher), MGBCA Academic All State (3.8 cumulative GPA or higher)

Aurora Rosen - Academic All Conference (3.75 GPA or higher)

Addie Taatjes - All Conference, All Area (Honorable Mention), Academic All Conference (3.75 GPA or higher), MGBCA Academic All State (3.8 cumulative GPA or higher)

Maddy Vander Ark - All Conference (Honorable Mention)

Coach Brian Nelson - Camden Conference Coach of the Year and MGBCA Section 3A Coach of the Year

Assistant Coach Logan Erickson - MGBCA Section 3A Assistant Coach of the Year

Boys Basketball:

Asher Wieberdink - All Conference, Camden Conference North MVP, West Central All Area (First Team)

Logan Roelofs - All Conference, West Central All Area (Second Team)

Eli Gerdes - All Conference, Academic All Conference (3.75 GPA or higher)

Carter Taatjes - All Conference

Micah Asake - All Conference (Honorable Mention)

Coach Ted Taatjes - Camden Conference Coach of the Year



Central Minnesota Christian School

BOARD MINUTES

March 30, 2026

Members Present: Heidi Graves, Luke Mulder, Matt Hoekstra, Christy Groen, Sarah Van Beek, Ryan Moorlag, Chris Schlegel, Mitch Schwindt, Jon De Groot, Paul Leverington

Members Absent: Joe Vander Ark

1. Devotions and Prayer- Chris S read from “Devotions From the Lake”
2. Approval of Consent Agenda MSP
Motion- Paul L
Second- Mitch S
 - a. Board Committee Minutes
 - b. Board meeting minutes from February 2026Discussion: None
3. Review of Leadership team reports for information
4. AI policy review and vote for approval
 - a. Policy and rationale presented: Sarah VB
 - b. Motion: Sarah VB
 - c. Second: Matt H
 - d. Discussion
 - i. Clarified how far along other public and private schools are in their process of dealing with AI and the impact it's having on learning.
 - ii. Discussed how this changes the practice of what students and teachers were doing to what they will be doing in the future.
 1. This more formally puts what is expected of students into writing.
 2. Removes gray areas.
 3. Makes sure we have clear language on student's interaction with AI.
 - iii. Curiosity about what students are expected to cite as their sources.
 - iv. Monitoring student's use of technology is important
 - e. MSP
5. Voting Process Discussion: Christy G
 - a. Summary of what's been done to this point
 - i. Governance Committee proposed potential change
 - ii. Board supported sending out survey to gauge feasibility of bringing it to constituents for vote at Annual Meeting
 - iii. Survey results communicated a lack of support at this time
 - iv. Constituency follow up letter to get support from Board to send prior to Annual Meeting
 - b. Discussion
 - i. Is there benefit in providing more information about the proposal?
 - ii. Would a Governance Committee Q&A session be helpful?
 1. May help to clarify the purpose of the session at the beginning
 - iii. Letter will be sent out with results and add information about the Board needing more time to process information and comments.
 - iv. Constituency who got the email with the survey were those signed up for weekly updates
6. Strategic Planning: Jon DG/Christy G
 - a. Intro: We have 5-year CSI plan, financial sustainability plan, and development message to support these. Need a process to finalize and bring a wide range of community members into the process.
 - b. Jon DG: shared about options for advisor to develop strategic plan-more detail to come
7. Prayer Initiative Update- Sarah VB
 - a. For all elementary teachers
 - b. Cindy Van Otterloo and 4K open house
 - c. Laura Rosen requesting prayer for an eternal perspective for all students
8. Action Item Review: Christy G
 - a. Old
 - i. Sarah VB- Devos and meal in March

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Central Minnesota Christian School

BOARD MINUTES

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- ii. Sarah VB- March Prayer Calendar for Elementary Staff
- iii. Ryan M- New to You visit in March and classroom visits for February
- iv. Sarah VB- Classroom visits in March
- v. Governance- Cable Articles due March 9 for publishing
- vi. Finance Committee- Cable Article due for May publishing
- vii. Continue 5 conversations with constituents
- viii. Preparations are being made for the Annual Meeting on Apr 14, 2026
- b. New
 - i. Paul L to revise constituency letter and send to Board for approval- Paul L
 - ii. Constituency letter sent before annual meeting- Jon DG
- 9. Annual Meeting Housekeeping: Jon DG/Christy G
 - a. Volunteers for passing out ballots
 - i. Sarah VB, Mitch S, Luke M, Ryan M
 - b. Volunteers for counting ballots
 - i. Sarah VB, Mitch S, Luke M, Ryan M
 - c. Approval of ballot-MSP
 - i. Motion- Chris S
 - ii. Second- Sarah VB
 - d. Listening sessions
 - i. AI/Technology- Sarah VB
 - ii. Governance Committee-they have suggested being a panel and would like Board approval
 - 1. Presentation of potential plan- Christy G
 - 2. We want people to feel heard and make sure they have a chance to express their concerns
 - 3. Suggestion is to make it a one hour annual meeting and have listening session after
 - a. Decided to host round tables to listen to constituents with each committee chair and leadership member available.
 - e. The Board is committed to fostering a culture of discussion and trust with the constituents throughout the year.
- 10. Closing Prayer: Sarah VB
- 11. Meeting Adjourned- MSP
 - a. Motion: Mitch S
 - b. Second: Paul L

April 27, 2026
6:30pm in Heritage Bank Community Room;
following thank you event for New to You volunteers at new location

Members Present: Heidi Graves, Matt Hoekstra, Christy Groen, Sarah Van Beek, Ryan Moorlag, Chris Schlegel, Mitch Schwindt, Jon De Groot, Paul Leverington

Members Absent: Luke Mulder

1. Devotions and Prayer- Sarah VB read from Desiring God, challenging us to think about why we do leadership with a healthy fear of God and not a worry about who we might impress or disappoint. The story of Mary and Martha was an example given.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda MSP

Motion- Mitch S

Second- Paul L

a. Board Committee Minutes

b. Board meeting minutes from March 2026

c. Project Update on New to You second location construction

Discussion: None

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3. Review of Leadership team reports for information
4. PSEO policy with motion and rationale to consider and vote for approval: Sarah VB
 - a. PSEO motion and rationale presented
 - b. Motion: Chris S
 - c. Second: Mitch S
 - d. Discussion: This is an update to align with how we currently are operating and is compliant with MN law.
5. Book Club: Chapter 26 “Nurturing Parents’ Understanding of Christian Education”: Christy G
 - a. Discussion: Maybe we should bring back mentorship families. Probably need to discuss this chapter next month again.
6. Prayer Initiative Update: Sarah VB
 - a. Academic Support
 - b. Athletic Department
 - c. Transportation
 - d. District 815
7. Review of Annual Meeting: Joe VA
 - a. Format: Led by Board President, leadership team members give reports
 - b. Opportunity to visit with board members afterwards wasn’t utilized
 - c. Send out survey prior to Annual Meeting to allow time to process the topic to be discussed
 - d. Idea: Have board members available at PT conferences for those who want conversation about questions they have
 - e. Conversations with individuals are important when there’s a unified Board
8. Informational update: Joe VA
 - a. Committee Chairs review committee rosters: Can renew terms for 6 years, bring to Board if want to extend that
 - b. Watch for email survey this week regarding Board areas to serve/officers: From Governance Committee to gauge interest
 - i. Can also nominate others
9. Action Item Review: Christy G
 - a. Old
 - i. Sarah VB- Devos and meal in April
 - ii. Sarah VB- March-April Prayer Calendar for Elementary Staff
 - iii. Ryan M- New to You visit in March and classroom visits for February
 - iv. Finance Committee- Cable Article due for May publishing
 - v. 5 conversations with constituents
 - vi. Constituency letter sent before Annual Meeting- Jon DG
 - vii. Paul L to revise constituency letter re: voting process prior to Annual Meeting
 - b. New
 - i. Meal and devos in May- Christy G
 - ii. Prayer Calendar for May- Sarah VB
 - iii. Chris S- New to You visit in April
 - iv. Sarah VB- New to You visit in May
 - v. Paul L and Sarah VB- classroom visits in April
10. Closing Prayer: Christy G
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Finance Committee Update

Happy Spring—at least we hope it finally feels like it! May is always a busy time for families as the school year comes to a close. We are grateful for another year of financial success and the continued support of our community.

If you were unable to attend the annual meeting, we encourage you to watch the recording on YouTube. This year, we also introduced roundtable conversations, which provided a new opportunity for open dialogue. If you didn't have a chance to participate, we plan to offer these again in the future. Our goal is to ensure we are accessible and listening to all families.

While we have much to celebrate, we are also looking ahead. The board has committed time and attention to Central's financial sustainability. What does that mean? We have identified three key pillars to guide this work:

1. Family retention and recruitment
2. A balanced cost structure alongside a strong student experience
3. Growth in alternative revenue sources

This is a shared effort, and your involvement matters. You can support recruitment by referring families to Central. We also welcome your feedback—whether through roundtable discussions or conversations with board members—so we can continue strengthening what works and thoughtfully address what may not.

Together, we can ensure the long-term strength of Central's mission and vision.

Heidi Graves, Finance Committee Chair



44TH ANNUAL LEGACY DINNER

Thank You!

We raised over \$32,000!

MAY

PRAYER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Junior and Senior Prom	2 Parent and Senior Banquet
3 Strength and encouragement for students to finish out the year strong	4 Give thanks to our amazing teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week	5 High School Pops Concert	6 Give thanks for our Principal, Dean Stier	7 Give thanks for creation and the changing seasons	8 High School Class Trips	9 Give thanks to our cooks for faithfully serving our school this year
10 Give thanks for mothers and the gift they are to our families	11 Senior Capstone Night	12 Health and strength for each day	13 Give thanks for the accomplishments our students receive at Awards Day	14 Patience in daily challenges	15 High School students as they begin exams	16 Give thanks for God's timing, even if it looks different than our own
17 A grateful heart in both good and challenging moments	18 Give thanks for teachers, mentors, and role models	19 Guidance in decision-making for Seniors	20 Give thanks for each student at Central	21 Give thanks for a successful school year	22 Graduates as they step forward with faith, purpose, and trust in God's plan	23 Strong faith for our Graduates as they step into new opportunities
24 Give thanks for God's love	25 Students will have boldness in living out their faith	26 Rest and renewal for teachers and staff this summer	27 God's provision over the students this summer	28 Give thanks for God's Word and truth	29 Opportunities to learn something new this summer	30 Wisdom for leadership in the preparations for another school year
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STORE UPDATE

Our school board had the joy of hosting the employees from New to You Thrift Store for dinner and a special tour of the new store.



In the midst of renovations, it was a meaningful time to spend together, pausing to pray, placing scripture throughout the building, and speaking blessings over the people who will one day walk through its doors.



We're filled with anticipation for what's ahead. Our prayer is that this new store will be a place of impact—not only for our school, but for the entire community it serves, and every life it touches.

— Kristin Poortvliet; Director of Thrift Store Operations

April Monthly Report:

Total Sales: **\$93,848** Last Year: **\$88,454** Contribution to Central: **\$15,000**

Sales Per Day: **\$3,610** Sales Per Day Last Year: **\$3,322**

Number of Processed Items: **25,742** Sell-Through Rate: **66%** Volunteer Hours: **638**

TRIP Schedule

May	11
June	1 & 15
July	6 & 27
August	10 & 24

SAVE THE DATE

May 11	Senior Capstone Night
May 13	Awards Day
May 21	Last Day of School
May 22	Graduation
July 3-4	July 4 Freedom Fun Days
August 17	Athletics Orientation
August 20	Open House/Pictures
August 25	First Day of School
September 7	No School/Labor Day

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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 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)