

IMPACT REPORT

2024



**Central Minnesota
Christian School**

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Families & Community Members,

For over 113 years, Central Minnesota Christian School has been dedicated to providing a Christ-centered, quality education that prepares our students for a life of service. As we reflect on our history, we are grateful for our community's unwavering support and its impact on our school.

Many of you have contributed gifts of your time, talent, and resources, leaving a lasting mark on our mission. It is your dedication that helps create a nurturing environment where Christian values, academic excellence, and a strong work ethic grow.

We believe that when families, the Church, and the school are unified in their vision for a child's development, our students are set up for success in school and life beyond the classroom. Together, we are laying a foundation for their futures.

Thank you for your generosity and support, which empowers us to continue our mission at Central Minnesota Christian School. This report is meant to highlight all that we have accomplished together, and as we look ahead, we do so with the knowledge that He is guiding our path.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Jon De Groot

SUPERINTENDENT; ALUMNI '98



GOD'S FAITHFULNESS THROUGH THE YEARS

Thanks to the faithfulness of our community, we have raised \$13.3 million over the past five years to support Central's mission. These funds go beyond tuition, helping us uphold our legacy of providing Christ-centered, quality education.

- Added an Industrial Arts Program to meet the broader student academic interests, including a new welding course in 2024-2025
- Launched the Student Success Team, a positive, team-oriented approach to assist students with concerns related to their overall well-being
- Expanded and improved extracurricular options for students (Robotics, LEGO club)
- Secured a fleet of buses and enhanced our driving team
- Invested in growing teacher salaries each year
- Upgraded educational technology
- Funded a new soccer field and High School gym scoreboards and updated the Elementary gymnasium
- Adopted and implemented Teaching for Transformation, a framework to integrate God's word and biblical truth into all subjects, extracurriculars, and student-life activities
- Started offering a 5-day Kindergarten program
- Launched Winterim, a week-long session in January that allows for in-depth study of both traditional and non-traditional learning opportunities and application of life skills.

And so much more!



BY THE NUMBERS

**Your generosity empowers us to go beyond tuition and has a daily impact on fulfilling our mission.
We are incredibly grateful for your unwavering support!**

113 years of providing Christ-centered, quality education to equip students for a life of service

366 students enrolled in the 2024-2025 school year

180 families investing in Christian education for their children

36 churches attended by Central families

\$9,395 tuition for students in grades 9-12

33% of the cost of educating our students is covered by generous donors

\$1,039,293 total raised in 2023-24 (Annual Fund, Harvest Festival, Legacy Dinner, Freedom Fun Days, Church Offerings, and Memorial Fund)

\$383,578 total financial aid received by 40 families in 2024-2025

\$4,558,396 total budgeted for 2024-2025

\$372,819 gifted by the Foundation in 2023-2024; same pledged in 2024-2025



OUR MISSION & VISION

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](#).

KNOWN PERSONALLY



At Central, we take pride in knowing our students personally through the daily interactions that make our community feel like a family. Whether it's Mrs. Berry greeting our elementary students each morning, Mr. De Groot singing "Happy Birthday" at lunch, Mr. Stier visiting classrooms, or spending quality time in their Squads, every student is seen, heard, and loved.

Again and again, we hear from both students and parents that the strong, genuine connection between our staff and students is what sets us apart. It's a level of care and attention that every child deserves at this important stage in their journey, and we are honored to provide it.

“ As a student of Central, I never once felt like I was just another student. I had teachers taking time on their nights and weekends to help make sure I understood what they were trying to teach me. Fast forward to today, with new technology, teachers are more accessible than ever, and it sure feels like they are equally invested in the students.
-Matt Hoekstra; Central Parent & Alumni '04 ”

DISCIPLLED INTENTIONALLY

This year, we are honored to welcome Lorna Cook as our new Faith Formation Coordinator. This newly created position is part of the Student Success Team and will focus on increasing the spiritual climate of our school.

In part, she will guide spiritual discipleship through the coordination of weekly chapels with Mrs. Berry, planning student volunteer opportunities, building Squad curriculum based on the school's theme verse, and providing students with spiritual growth opportunities outside of the classroom.

This year's theme verse is John 12:34-35. The students will learn about the love of Jesus and the ways we are called to love one another.



CHALLENGED ACADEMICALLY

Iowa Assessments Results

Grade	ELA	Math	Composite Score
1	1.9	1.9	2.1
2	3.2	3.5	3.4
3	5.0	4.9	N/A
4	5.7	5.9	5.7
5	7.1	7.1	7.3
6	8.4	7.9	8.2
7	8.3	6.7	7.3

Results indicate what level students are testing at in each grade. Students were tested in math and english language arts (reading & writing). For example: 4th grade students, on a 4th grade level test, tested as if they were a student in the seventh month of 5th grade.

We are committed to challenging our students academically in ways that inspire growth and curiosity. Whether it's through our innovative ELA program, Life Skills offerings in Middle School, or the expansion of our Industrial Arts program, we strive to provide a well-rounded, engaging education.

A big part of our approach is the Teaching for Transformation framework, where our teachers thoughtfully integrate God's Word into every subject. This allows students to not only learn but also experience God's Story through meaningful lessons that engage both their minds and hearts.



After 40 years in public education, I was blown away with how advanced and challenged Central students are in the classroom. When you look at the success of graduates, it's evident the education and lessons learned at Central have prepared them well for life past early education.

-Mike Bredeck; Central Substitute Teacher



WHAT'S NEXT FOR CENTRAL?

At Central, our vision is to shape students into effective kingdom citizens—individuals who are fully engaged in the world yet set apart by their faith. We aspire for our graduates to be the best lovers, caregivers, and friends—reflecting Christ in all they do. Through their Christ-saturated character and purpose-driven lives, we aim to see God glorified in the impact they make on the world around them.

Your support helps make this vision a reality, empowering our students to live out their calling and change the world for the better.

As we look at the school's future and how we can continue to develop in the coming years, our focus will remain on these three areas: [improving academic excellence](#), [increasing the spiritual climate](#), and [achieving financial sustainability](#).

As part of our giving-driven plan, new opportunities could include:

- ▶ Pay & Performance Initiatives to attract and retain high-caliber teachers
- ▶ Expand our Academic Success Center to enhance student achievement, including upgrades to our High School library and additional academic support staffing
- ▶ Develop an Agriculture Program to serve students interested in agriculture studies
- ▶ Expand our financial aid opportunities for families desiring Christian education
- ▶ Necessary building improvements
- ▶ Working with the Foundation to reach our unified goal of \$12 million
- ▶ Funding a strategic cash reserve for future needs or opportunities



Thank You for
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