

# CENTRAL CABLE

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## BUILDING TRUST

It's been said that trust takes years to build, seconds to break, and a lifetime to repair. In his book *The Advantage*, Patrick Lencioni argues that a clear vision is impossible if your team is fractured. Teams must build trust, master healthy conflict, commit to decisions, and hold one another accountable. Six years ago, we committed to a value of "building trust" within our school community and set out to craft a vision for the school through listening sessions, surveys, focus groups, and board alignment. We were all set!

*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.*

It turns out that building trust, mastering healthy conflict, committing to decisions, and holding one another accountable is much easier on paper than in the messiness of real-life relationships. Even with the best intentions, feelings get hurt, miscommunication happens, and plans sometimes need to change as new information surfaces. And accountability is something most of us appreciate—especially when it applies to someone else.

I think when pressed, we all share a similar vision for what God is calling our school community to be. We know the right answers, but when difficult conversations need to happen, we'd often prefer someone else to handle them.

If you consider yourself part of the Bluejay Nation team, the expectation is progress over perfection. Bluejays strive toward the vision while readily admitting our shortcomings. We do what we say by honoring our word, and we lovingly confront issues when standards are not being upheld. We walk with the Lord, take Scripture seriously, and understand the gravity and impact of sin. We recognize that accountability includes consequences for our choices, and that grace is not enablement.

The good news is that trust is not built because people never fail; it is built when people respond to failure with honesty, humility, repentance, forgiveness, and a commitment to do better. As a Christian school community, we will not always get everything right, but by God's grace, we can continue moving toward the vision together. Thank you for trusting us with your children and for partnering with us in this work. When we extend grace, speak truth in love, and hold one another accountable to Biblical standards, we create the kind of community where students can be known personally, disciplined intentionally, and challenged academically.



Jon De Groot, Superintendent

# STUDENT DISCIPLESHIP

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

## **ELEMENTARY UPDATE:**

We've reached the end of another school year! In our chapels and small group times this month, we spent a lot of time reflecting on all we had learned this year. We reviewed the throughlines we covered this year (God Worshipper, Servant Worker, Justice Seeker, and Beauty Creator) and talked about our favorite memories from the year. We practiced being beauty creators by decorating and making a popsicle stick "quilt," which is hanging on our storyboard for the summer, as well as by making posters for our team to use at field day to cheer on our team! We were so thankful for a beautiful sunny day for our Elementary Field Day on Wednesday, May 20th, where small groups competed against each other in fun games they had learned in PE throughout the year.

As we enter the summer season, we pray that your family will be able to rest and spend quality time together. We also pray that each student will continue to seek to bring God glory through everything they do. Plans for next year's student discipleship activities have already begun, and we look forward to all that God has for us this summer and next school year!

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



*Elementary storyboard displaying the popsicle stick "quilt."*



*Students enjoying Elementary Field Day.*

## **MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE:**

As the school year drew to a close, we welcomed Noah Gross, lead youth pastor at Willmar Assembly of God, along with their praise team and staff. We were thankful to have a wonderful time of worship, followed by a message centered on the importance of Christ-centered community.

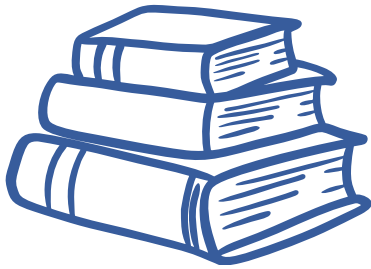
For our final chapel of the year, we reflected on God's faithfulness through a special video featuring our seniors. They shared advice for younger students, reflected back on their time as students, and spoke about how their faith has grown during their time at Central. We concluded by gathering around them in prayer, asking God to guide, strengthen, and equip them as they step into this next chapter of life.

If you'd like to watch the senior video, check it out [here](#) or scan the QR code.

As we look back on this year, we pray that our theme, Not to Us (Psalm 115:1), has challenged each student to live for God's glory above all else. May they continue to point others to Him in all they do.



## SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS



We are excited to announce that our library will be open this summer on Wednesday mornings now through August 5, from 10-11:30am, for Central and community families. There will be a theme for each week with read-alouds, coloring pages, and activities for students to do. Check out [this](#) document for more information and to see the themes for each week. The document can also be found on our website under Stay Connected.

## 6TH-12TH GRADE SUMMER RUNNING CLUB

Students in grades 6th-12th are welcome to participate in the Summer Running Club, every Thursday morning, from 7:30-8:30am, beginning June 11-August 6, except no meeting on July 9. The group meets in the High School gym or outside by the Athletic entrance during gym closure period. This club is open to anyone who is thinking of running cross country or just wants to get in shape and run with other people in the summer. Coach Graves and Assistant Coach Rothstein will be leading this club.



## BLUEJAYS GOLF SCRAMBLE



This year, our Bluejays Golf Scramble will be at Hawk Creek in Raymond on Friday, June 19, rather than over Freedom Fun Days. In recent years, the 4th of July golf scramble struggled to break even, so we decided to reimagine it by moving it to our home golf course and using the proceeds to support all Central MSHSL activities — including One Act — along with the school's annual fund. For more information on signing up, sponsorship opportunities, and event details, [click here](#). The document can also be found on our website under Stay Connected.

## FREEDOM FUN DAYS PARADE

Local businesses, organizations, and community members are invited to participate in the Freedom Fun Days Parade on July 4! Parade registration is free, but entries must be submitted by June 24. If you're interested in entering a float or parade unit, you can register [here](#). The document can also be found on our website under Stay Connected.



## SUMMER GYM CLOSURES

The High School and Elementary Gyms will be closed for refinishing the floors on July 16-27. Thank you for being so cooperative in staying out of the gyms during this time.

# 25<sup>TH</sup> FREEDOM FUN RUN



Hosted by:



# & ADAM'S RACE

## SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026

**BENEFITING: CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

7:15am - **REGISTRATION BEGINS** (no pre-registration)

8:00am - **FREEDOM FUN RUN** - 2.5 mile run/1.5 mile walk

Following Freedom Fun Run - **ADAM'S RACE**

- 1 mile event for kids who completed 4th-8th grades
- Short distance sprint for 1 year old-3rd grade

**Free event!** The more people who participate,  
the more support Central receives!

**FREE  
RACE  
SHIRT**

Freewill donations accepted - now  
(QR Code) or on day of race



**Help us make this the best year yet!**



# FREEDOM FUN DAYS

PRINSBURG, MN

## THURSDAY, JULY 2

ALL DAY Duck Hunt – City Wide  
(Rules & Prize Details at [centralbluejays.org/connect](http://centralbluejays.org/connect))

## FRIDAY, JULY 3

5:30p - 9:30p Food Trucks – Front of School

- The Back 40 Pizza
- To the Moon and Back
- Kandi Land Farms Mini Donut
- Tacos Arizmendi
- Gypsy Bowls
- The Flavored Co

5:30p-7:30p Pickleball Tournament – City Courts  
(Registration Required)

6:30p-9:30p Kids Zone – South Parking Lot

6:30p Kids Tractor Pedal Pull – School Street  
(Registration Begins at 6:30 and Races Start at 7:00)

7:00p Bean Bag Tournament – Fellowship Hall – North Lawn  
(Registration Required)

6:30p Live Music Entertainment – Central Courtyard

8:30p Treats by Central School Board – Central Courtyard

10:00p Fireworks – Unity Church Parking Lot

## SATURDAY, JULY 4

7:15a Registration Begins for the Freedom Fun Run – Central Courtyard  
(No Pre-Registration)

7:15a - 9:00a Food Trucks – West Parking Lot

- Kandi Land Farms Mini Donut

8:00a Freedom Fun Run & Adam's Race

9:00a Duck Hunt Grand Prize  
(See Clues on Central's Facebook Page)

9:30a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament – School Elementary Gym  
(Registration Required)

10:00a Patriotic Service – Unity Christian Reformed Church

10:00a - 12:00p Pickleball Tournament – City Courts  
(Registration Required)

10:30a Storytime & Craft – Elementary Library

11:00a - 1:00p Free-Will Pork Dinner – High School Gym

12:00p - 2:00p BINGO – Central Event Center  
(Come & Go – No Pre-Registration)

12:00p - 2:00p Kids Zone – South Parking Lot

2:30p Parade – “Celebrating 250 Years of America.”  
(Registration Required)



**SCAN TO REGISTER  
FOR EVENTS**

Schedule is subject to change.



# WE ARE HIRING!

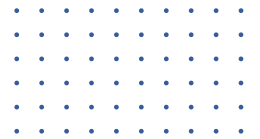
Help Build a Christ-Centered Foundation for Our Children



- **Faith Formation Coordinator**
- **Administrative Assistant, Registrar**
- **Food Director/Head Cook**
- **Bus Route Drivers**
- **District 815 Paraprofessional (full-time)**

Apply online at  
[centralbluejays.org/jobs](https://centralbluejays.org/jobs)

Send your resume to  
[jondg@centralbluejays.org](mailto:jondg@centralbluejays.org)



## 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.



# MEET THE TEACHER

## Get to Know Mrs. Emily Setrum

**Family:** Jon, Emily, Maggie, and Lindsey Setrum

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

This is my 20th year at Central. I was hired as the part-time art teacher in 2007 and was pregnant with Maggie at the time. It was a perfect fit as I wasn't ready to work full-time, and she came 7 weeks early. Several years later, the position grew into a full-time K-12th grade role. I currently teach 3rd-12th grade, each group and year is so very different. I appreciate the variety and engagement from multiple ages, as well as a great group of co-workers.

### What do you like to do in your free time?

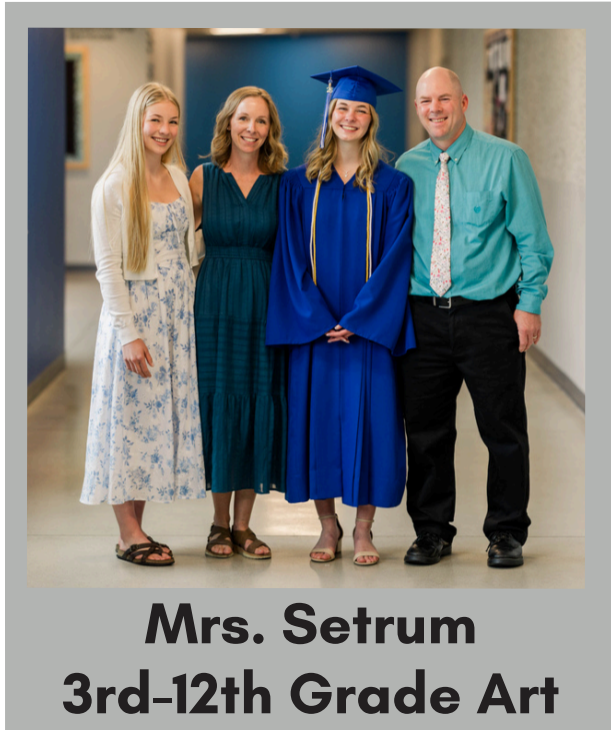
I love being outdoors, playing cards with my family, biking, gardening, listening to podcasts and music, reading, & catching up with friends over a cup of coffee.

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

I hope students connect with our Creator through the beauty and detail of His creation, while learning to value the thought and care behind both their own art and the art of others.

### Prayer requests?

Maggie graduated this year, so while we are very proud of her and excited for her next stage at Dordt, it will be an adjustment to not having her at home.



**Mrs. Setrum**  
**3rd-12th Grade Art**

## This or That?

**Coffee or Tea** - Coffee, but I do enjoy tea too

**Movie or Book** - Book

**Beach or Mountains** - Both

**Pencil & Paper or Electronic** - Pencil & Paper

**Cats or Dogs** - Dogs

**Fruits or Vegetables** - Both

**Sweet or Salty** - Both

**Farm or City** - Either

**Weekends or Weekdays** - Both

**Morning Person or Night Owl** - Morning Person

**Favorite Worship Song** - Abide

**Favorite Verse** - Ecclesiastes 3:11- He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

# Alumni Spotlight

where are they now...

Ryan Zimmer



## Family:

Ryan, Tonya (Wife), Leona (Daughter) and Deacon (Son)

## What year did you graduate from Central?

2003

## What is your favorite hobby?

Favorite hobby is duck/goose hunting

## What is one fun fact about you that most people wouldn't guess?

I'm in a cover band with Jon De Groot, Joe Vander Ark, and Jason Ver Steeg. I'm the only one without 2 capital letters in my last name.

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

It's ok to make mistakes. But learn from them. Take your faith seriously.

Don't make excuses, make opportunities. Give generously. Treat the little guy with respect.

## Where has life taken you since graduation?

All over the place! I lived in Minneapolis after school and toured the world in a band, wound up in Denver, CO, at a mega church where I came into full-time ministry, and then a short stint back in Minneapolis, and somehow ended up right back home in MN.

## What did you study or major in college?

Christian Leadership & Organizational Management

## What is your career or current focus?

I own and operate a company called Advanced Ministry Technologies. We do audio, video, and livestream installations, as well as run live event production. I'm also the worship director at Refuge Church in Willmar.

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

I loved all things music. Mrs. Mulder was an integral part of my life and journey. I also enjoyed Computer Applications with Mr. Groen. He ended up giving me a lot of responsibilities that shaped a lot of what I do today. Retreats were always a highlight as well. I accepted Christ during my freshman year retreat. Mrs Slagter's study halls were always fun too!

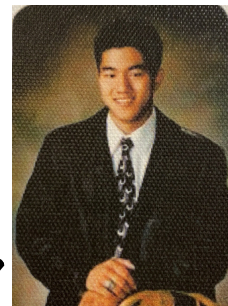
## How did your experience at Central shape who you are today?

It gave me the foundation I've built my life upon. Between my parents, my church, and also my school, even in the darkest times in life, I knew truth, and I knew where my hope came from. That was never a question.

## What makes you proud to be an alumni of Central?

There's a long heritage that Central has that creates world changers. I could spend an entire day listing off graduates of Central, whom I admire, from generosity in the community to those in ministry and leadership. I'm proud to be a small part of that legacy.

Senior Picture



# High School Class Awards

We are pleased to recognize the hard work and accomplishments of our students in academics, arts, and extracurricular activities.

## **Mr. Jake Abrams**

Financial Stewardship  
Integrated Math I  
Integrated Math II  
Integrated Math III  
Intro to Physical Science

## **Mrs. Amber Brouwer**

Intro to Spanish  
Spanish I  
Spanish II  
Spanish III

## **Mr. Jimmy Buehler**

Bible 9 - Old Testament  
  
Bible 10 - New Testament  
Christian Living (B)  
Christian Living (G)  
Bible 11 (Church History)  
Bible 11 (World Religions)  
Bible 12 (Applied Theology)

## **Mrs. Jessica Bulthuis**

Biology  
Anatomy  
Ecology

## **Mr. Scott Buteyn**

Bible 12 (Capstone)  
Government  
Geography  
History Topics  
Psychology  
Speech  
US History  
World History

## **Mrs. Megan Erickson**

Concert Choir

Reece Duininck  
Conner Zimmer, Josie Mulder  
Macie Rausch, Keena Ulferts  
Ella Brouwer, Elijah Gerdes  
Titus Van Beek, Olivia Ziehl, Jamin Buteyn,  
Breanna Duininck

Jamin Buteyn, Olivia Ziehl  
Caitlyn Buss, Bo Duininck  
Etta Grannes, Madison Vogel  
Samuel Zwart, Maggie Setrum

Olivia Ziehl, Titus Van Beek, Isaak Rohlik,  
Sabine TeBrake  
Lindsey Setrum, Griffin De Groot  
Landon Taatjes  
Annalynn Bestge  
Jordan Voogt  
Alysia Buteyn  
Maggie Setrum

Jackson Marcus, Bo Duininck  
Maggie Setrum, Mikayla Bolkema  
Carrie Mulder, Micah Asake

Brooke Schlegel  
Maggie Setrum  
Claire Sunvold, Jamin Buteyn  
Carson Meyer  
Reece Duininck  
Alysia Buteyn  
Breckin Brouwer, Bo Duininck  
Emily Sunvold, Jordan Voogt

Maggie Setrum, Madison Vogel

# High School Class Awards Continued

## **Miss Mindy Groen**

Algebra I

Algebra II

Geometry

PreCalc

Statistics

Jamin Buteyn, Breanna Duininck

Madison Vogel, Mikayla Bolkema

Jackson Marcus, Bo Duininck

Peighton Mulder

Carrie Mulder

## **Mr. Brandon Rothstein**

Intro to Electricity

Intro to Manufacturing

Intro to Small Engines

Intro to Welding

Intro to Woodworking

Project Management

Wildlife Management

Silas Taatjes, Jager Ahrenholz

Brooke Schlegel, Drys Watson

Sydney Watson

Garrett Mulder, Braxton Zimmer

Isaiah Swart, Emmilee Braem

Reece Duininck

Evan Gustafson, Joseph Graves

## **Mrs. Emily Setrum**

Intro to Art

Breanna Duininck, Josie Mulder, Alyssa Schwitters,  
Chase Taatjes

Art I

Bo Duininck, Lindsey Setrum

Art II

Keena Ulferts, Lindsey Setrum

## **Mrs. Rhonda Slagter**

College Writing

English 9

English 11

Composition

Lit Appreciation

Novels

PSEO College Writing and

Research

Addilyn Taatjes

Olivia Ziehl, Breanna Duininck

Madison Vogel

Reece Duininck

Lindsey Setrum

Mikayla Bolkema, Alysia Buteyn

Maggie Setrum

## **Mr. Devin Veenstra**

Band

Carson Meyer, Maggie Setrum

## **Class Scholarships & Named Awards**

**Freshman:** Caden Bolkema, Jamin Buteyn, Breanna Duininck, Titus Van Beek

**Sophomore:** Bo Duininck, Jackson Marcus

**Junior:** Madison Vogel

**Senior:** Peighton Mulder

**Valedictorian:** Peighton Mulder

**Salutatorian:** Maggie Setrum



# Middle School 2nd Semester Honor Roll



Honor Roll is determined by a student's semester GPA.

\*Denotes a 4.0 GPA

## 6th Grade - A Honor Roll

Lillian Ahrenholz  
Clayton Berry  
Leeland Brower  
\*Jessa Buteyn  
Clara Cleary  
\*Henry Duininck  
Kalli Fagen  
\*Lillie Gerdes  
Henry Landberg  
Oaklie Slagter  
Lydia Taatjes  
Trey Taatjes  
\*Alexis Van Beek  
\*Evelyn Zigterman

## 7th Grade - A Honor Roll

Kipton Antony  
Charles Buehler  
Brooke Bulthuis  
Aiden Buss  
Silas Duininck  
Ava Erickson  
\*Briella Frikke  
Vivian Fussy  
Penelope Grussing  
Lucas Jerve  
Finley Larkin  
Bennett Marcus  
William Poortvliet  
Lukas Punt  
Owen Rheinheimer  
Moriah Rohlik  
Jackson Taatjes  
Macy Vander Ark  
\*Ollie Vogel  
Tristan Ziehl

## 8th Grade - A Honor Roll

Halley Brouwer  
James Brouwer  
Evalyn Cleary  
Addyson Fagen  
\*Samuel Gerdes  
Giada Grannes  
\*Eliza Graves  
Graham Lundeen  
Afton Meyer  
\*Lily Moorlag  
\*Wyatt Punt  
Bennett Rausch  
Jaden Schwitters  
Ethan Taatjes  
\*Kinley Ulferts  
Elias Wassenaar  
\*Elizabeth Wieberdink  
Rosalynd Wood

## 6th Grade - B Honor Roll

Amari Alle  
Brynley Bohlsen  
Jade Mellema  
Jedidiah Slagter  
Ian Ziehl

## 7th Grade - B Honor Roll

Tucker Bonnema  
Joshua Braem  
Lucille Honken  
Oliver Htoo  
Deacon Jaenisch  
Raelyn Jaenisch  
Keisha Miller  
Graeme Molden  
Isaiah Rosen  
Jocelyn Taatjes  
Kelaya Ulferts

## 8th Grade - B Honor Roll

Poe Doh  
Tessa Engstrom  
Hudson Mellema  
Natalie Vander Ark



# High School 2nd Semester Honor Roll



Honor Roll is determined by a student's semester GPA. Certain advanced junior & senior level courses use a weighted scale to determine GPA.

\*Denotes an unweighted semester GPA of 4.0

## 12th Grade - A Honor Roll

\*Henry Ammermann  
Micah Asake  
Emmilee Braem  
Jaycie Bulthuis  
Preston Dehmlow  
\*Reece Duininck  
\*Carrie Mulder  
Garrett Mulder  
\*Peighton Mulder

Jennifer Post  
\*Kaiden Ruis  
\*Brooke Schlegel  
\*Tseganesh Schwitters  
\*Maggie Setrum  
\*Addilyn Taatjes  
Elizabeth Wassenaar  
\*Sydney Watson  
\*Samuel Zwart

## 12th Grade - B Honor Roll

Carson Beerman  
Moses De Groot  
Ethin Mammen  
Carson Meyer

Logan Roelofs  
Gabriel Timmer  
Jacob Ver Steeg  
Cayden Wubben

## 9th Grade - A Honor Roll

Brooks Ahrenholz  
Caden Bolkema  
\*Jamin Buteyn  
\*Breanna Duininck  
Josie Mulder  
Isaak Rohlik  
Quinn Schueler  
Claire Sunvold  
Chase Taatjes  
Sabine TeBrake  
Christella TeBrake  
\*Titus Van Beek  
Charles Vogel  
Eliot Wiens  
Olivia Ziehl

## 10th Grade - A Honor Roll

\*Walter Ammermann  
Caleb Asche  
Breckin Brouwer  
Caitlyn Buss  
\*Bo Duininck  
\*Jackson Marcus  
Logan Moorlag  
\*Lindsey Setrum

## 11th Grade - A Honor Roll

\*Mikayla Bolkema  
\*Ella Brouwer  
\*Alysia Buteyn  
\*Kaylee Dannen  
Sienna Duininck  
\*Elijah Gerdes  
\*Etta Grannes  
Joseph Graves  
Evan Gustafson  
Emmelia Hodge  
Aurora Rosen  
\*Emily Sunvold  
Silas Taatjes  
\*Madison Vogel  
Jordan Voogt

## 9th Grade - B Honor Roll

Nora Duininck  
Elsie Erickson  
Carson Lundeen  
Cara McLagan  
Dillon Meyer  
Alexander Nay  
Ryder Punt  
Isabella Rosen  
Alyssa Schwitters  
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Conner Zimmer

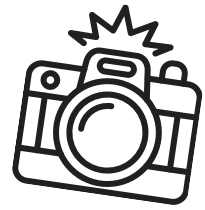
## 10th Grade - B Honor Roll

Theodore Bonnema  
Chloe Bulthuis  
Mya Dannen  
Griffin De Groot  
Harper Larkin  
Lanessa Miller  
Sadie Ruis  
Keena Ulferts  
Drys Watson

## 11th Grade - B Honor Roll

Andrew Broberg  
Layla Engstrom  
Emery Fussy  
Kylan Groen  
Esmond Gustafson  
Kyle Schwitters  
Carter Taatjes  
Ketcie Ulferts  
Madalyn Vander Ark  
Asher Wieberdink  
Annaliese Wood

# STUDENT LIFE



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**A. Juniors and seniors at Prom.**

**B. Shoutout to our 5th Grade Running Club students who challenged themselves and ran an incredible 20–100 miles over a 6-week timeframe.**

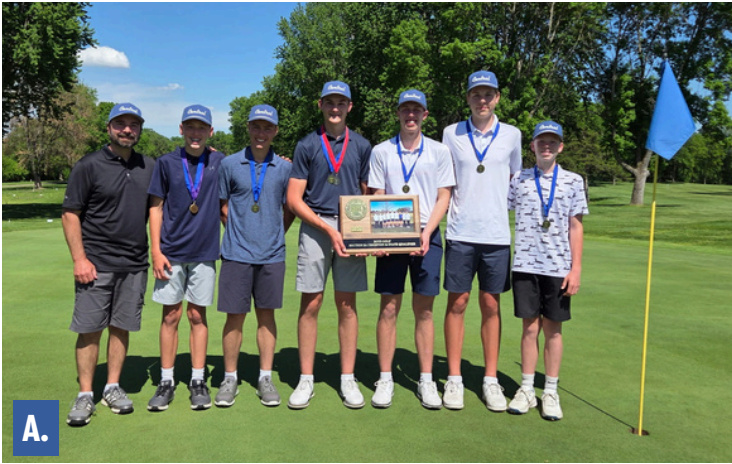
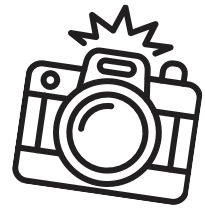
**C. Congratulations to these C Team boys baseball players — Joshua Braem (2 hits), Isaiah Rosen, Lukas Punt, and Ben Bakker — on hitting their very first home runs at a game vs Hancock.**

**D. Our high school Woodworking students worked with their Tech Buddies in 1st grade, for their final exams building bird feeders.**

**E. Congratulations to our 8th grade students as they celebrated their graduation from Middle School. Each student received a devotional and a box of candy as a special token to mark this meaningful milestone.**

**F. Congratulations to Samuel Zwart, Brooke Schlegel, Maggie Setrum, Jennifer Post, Peighton Mulder, and Reece Duinck for earning the Central Capstone Scholarships.**

# STUDENT LIFE



**A. Congratulations to these varsity golf players — Graham Lundeen, Kyle Schwitters, Joseph Graves, Elijah Gerdes, Carter Taatjes, and Carson Lundeen, as they earned the Section 5A Championship title and qualified for the state golf tournament.**

**B. Congratulations to Mya Dannen (400M dash) and Garrett Mulder (800M run) on advancing to the state track and field tournament.**

**C. Congratulations to Carson Beerman for ending the trap season with a perfect score of 25.**

**D. Students enjoyed the first Library Hours of the summer.**

**E. Mrs. Antony delivers the commencement address to the graduating class of 2026.**

**F. Members of the community joined Mr. Buteyn and Mr. Wassenaar on a trip to Washington, D.C. The trip was similar in format to the one our senior Government class takes each year.**

# Central Minnesota Christian School

# BOARD MINUTES

May 18, 2026

Members Present: Heidi Graves, Matt Hoekstra, Christy Groen, Sarah Van Beek, Chris Schlegel, Mitch Schwindt, Paul Leverington, Luke Mulder, Jon De Groot (2nd half), Joe Vander Ark

Members Absent: Ryan Moorlag

1. Devotions and Prayer- Christy G shared email responses from teachers about how they see students experiencing God, knowing Him more, becoming Christ followers, and finding their place in His calling for them. School leaders must remember the WHY of our work, since creating policies, making decisions, and writing strategic plans could be in vain if we forget the core reason for our work. Scripture references were Prov. 22:6, Prov 18:10, Prov. 17:6 and Ps. 127:3.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda MSP

Motion- Sarah VB

Second- Heidi G

- a. Board Committee Minutes
- b. Board meeting minutes from April 2026
- c. 2026 Annual Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None

3. Review of Leadership team reports for information

4. President Update: Joe VA

- a. Look ahead to next board year
  - i. Board members reply to committee role email from Jason VS.
  - ii. Board chairs should review committee rosters prior to next meeting
  - iii. EOS-Before next meeting, committee chairs should review the plans to see if committee is on track
  - iv. Onboarding new Board member, Josh Mulder
    1. Early June orientation meeting
  - v. Exit Staff interviews: Matt H, Paul L Christy G willing to help with these. Joe VA will inform Janey Landberg so she can schedule these

5. Strategic Planning: Joe VA, Jon DG

- a. Definition of a strategic plan and alignment of Board members with it
- b. Current pieces developed
  - i. Jon DG shared how we have several parts of the strategic plan already developed but they aren't linked together.
    1. CSI 5 year academic review,
    2. A financial strategic plan well on the way,
    3. Zach Clark kev development message to prioritize giving
- c. Several proposals presented for consultants
- d. Herzog Training opportunity
  - i. Free training (just the cost of airfare) that is high quality and focused on strategic planning
  - ii. Leadership team members are already considering attending
  - iii. Some or all Board members could consider attending; however, it falls at the same time as Heartland Conference at Dordt and fall harvest time
- e. Goal: get many voices speaking into our strategic plan
  - i. 9-12 month process of listening sessions, individual meetings and constituent feedback
  - ii. We have work to do to develop these 4-5 step outlooks and brainstorm ways to get these and have funds to to where we need them to go for:
    1. Academic
    2. Spiritual
    3. Financial
    4. Capital campaign

6. Finance Policy Review: Joe VA -MSP Joe explained the background, motion and rationale for the updated finance policy in the Board governance manual being proposed by the Finance Committee and Governance Committee that needs to be approved by the Board.

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# BOARD MINUTES

## Continued...

- a. Motion: Paul L
  - b. Second: Mitch S
  - c. Discussion: Should attendance be part of the tuition assistance policy?
7. Prayer Initiative Update: Sarah VB
- a. Board members shared personal and committee/Board related prayer requests
  - b. Unity is the theme (Eph. 4:1-6)
  - c. Praying for Jon-Christy G
8. Action Item Review: Christy G
- a. Old
    - i. Meal and Devos for May-Christy G
    - ii. Sarah VB- March-April Prayer Calendar for Elementary Staff
    - iii. Chris S, Sarah VB- New to You visit in April
    - iv. Finance Committee- Cable Article due for May publishing
    - v. 5 conversations with constituents
  - b. New
    - i. Pie and devos in June- Luke M
    - ii. Prayer Calendar for June- Sarah VB
    - iii. Reply to Jason VS email- All board members
    - iv. Review committee rosters- committee chairpeople
9. Closing Prayer: Luke M
- a. Chris S followed Luke's prayer with a prayer of thankfulness and blessing over Luke as he finishes his term and will not be attending next month's meeting
10. Meeting Adjourned- MSP
- a. Motion: Heidi G
  - b. Second: Mitch S

## TRIP Schedule

<b>June</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>6 &amp; 27</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>10 &amp; 24</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>14 &amp; 28</b>

## SAVE THE DATE

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
September 11	MS Retreat
September 11-12	HS Retreat
September 29	Picture Retakes
October 1-2	Heartland Break



# STORE UPDATE

We are getting some great products donated. As we begin preparing to open our second location, I thought the other day, "It sure would be nice if more supplies we needed came in as donations." I chuckled until I felt the Holy Spirit say lovingly, "Just ASK!" So, obediently, we are asking if you happen to have any of these items you don't need anymore, OR the Holy Spirit is prompting you to pick up or donate money toward any of these supplies, it would be super encouraging and a blessing as we make this second location just as great as our first! Thank you for your prayers and support!!

## Testing:

- \*Air compressor
- \*Batteries of various sizes
- \*Battery tester
- \*E6000 glue
- \*Pegboard for tools
- \*Tools
- \*Tool chest
- \*Zip ties

## Breakroom:

- \*Folgers coffee
- \*Paper plates
- \*Dawn dish soap
- \*Creamer (individual cups)

## Miscellaneous:

- \*Copy paper, letter size
- \*Post-it Notes
- \*New ipads
- \*Packing/Tissue Paper/Newspaper
- \*Hand Truck/Furniture Dollies

## Janitorial/Processing:

- \*Air freshener sprays
- \*Awesome cleaner
- \*Goo Gone
- \*Baby wipes
- \*Bathroom Cleaner
- \*Cleaning Wipes (like Lysol)
- \*Fabric shavers
- \*Garbage cans (7 gallon)
- \*Garbage cans on wheels, large
- \*13 gallon Hefty trash bags
- \*33-39 gallon black trash bags from Home Depot (HDX brand)
- \*\$ towards: steamers, tags, label guns, tagging guns, bushel carts, z racks, POS equipment, 2-way radios

- \*Kleenex
- \*Lint rollers
- \*Packing Tape
- \*Paper Towels
- \*Pine-sol
- \*Sharpies
- \*Swiffers/Swiffer cloths
- \*Toilet bowl cleaner
- \*Windex

— Kristin Poortvliet, Director of Thrift Store Operations

## May Monthly Report:

Total Sales: **\$88,875**    Last Year: **\$86,741**    Contribution to Central: **\$15,000**

Number of Donations: **1,218**    Last Year: **1,027**

Number of Processed Items: **27,685**    Last Year: **25,744**    Volunteer Hours: **455**

# Henry Ammermann

**Family:**

Nathan and Elisabeth Ammermann,  
Walter, Winston, Ruth

**Extracurricular Activities:**

One Act

**School Memory:**

My favorite school related memory is going on the Washington, DC trip.

**Future Plans:**

I plan to attend the University of Northwestern for Accounting.



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# Micah Asake

**Family:**

Abasa Asake, Carrie Asake,  
Naomi, Caleb

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Basketball, Track & Field

**School Memory:**

My favorite school related memory is going on the Ecology trip, staying up late with my friends, and going on the Washington, DC trip.

**Future Plans:**

I plan to attend the University of Sioux Falls for Business.



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# Carson Beerman

**Family:**

Matthew and April Beerman,  
Melanie and Ben, Waylon; Derrick

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Trap Shoot

**School Memory:**

My favorite school related memory is  
going on the New York Mission Trip.

**Future Plans:**

I plan to take a gap year to earn my  
boiler's license.



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# Emmilee Braem

**Family:**

Jon and Lori Braem,  
Elise, Joshua

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Basketball, Volleyball, Student Council

**School Memory:**

My favorite school related memory is  
going on class trips.

**Future Plans:**

I plan to attend the University of Sioux  
Falls for Social Work.



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# Jaycie Bulthuis



## **Family:**

Rick and Kris Bulthuis,  
Heather and Adam; Janna and Brian;  
Derrick and Jessica; Jory, Kaden, Trenton

## **Extracurricular Activities:**

EPIK Student Leader, Sunday Tech Team,  
Chapel Committee, Atlas Productions

## **School Memory:**

My favorite school related memory is high  
school retreats.

## **Future Plans:**

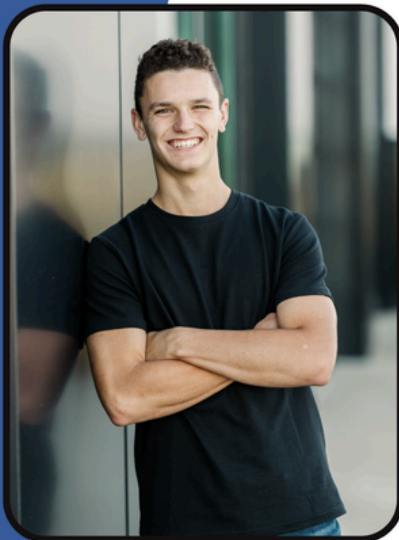
I plan to attend college to become a  
Veterinary Technician.



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# Moses De Groot



## **Family:**

Jonathan and Kara De Groot,  
Griffin

## **Extracurricular Activities:**

Soccer, Theater, Track & Field, Chapel Worship  
team, Epik Youth, and Unity Church.

## **School Memory:**

My favorite school related memory is going on  
the mission trip to NYC. It was amazing to see  
God's faithfulness and experience the presence  
of the Holy Spirit.

## **Future Plans:**

I am enlisted in the U.S. Air National Guard, and  
I am attending Dordt University for Criminal  
Justice, Theology, Worship Arts, and Soccer.



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# Preston Dehmlow

**Family:**

Ben and Wendy Dehmlow,  
Mason and Elsa; Tucker and Payton,  
James; Kadin

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Baseball

**School Memory:**

My favorite school related memory is  
going on the New York Mission Trip.

**Future Plans:**

I plan to go into the United States  
Marine Corps.



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# Reece Duininck

**Family:**

Jeremy and Shana Duininck,  
Maaike, Avery, Nora, Henry

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Volleyball, Basketball, Student Council

**School Memory:**

My favorite school related memory is  
going on the class trips and field trips  
throughout high school.

**Future Plans:**

I plan to attend Baylor University for  
Interior Design.



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# Ethie Mammen



**Family:**

Keegan and Shellie Mammen,  
Kyron, Jessie

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Soccer, Track & Field

**School Memory:**

My favorite school related memory was junior track season before I got hurt.

**Future Plans:**

I plan to attend the University of Sioux Falls for Kinesiology.



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# Carson Meyer



**Family:**

Brandon and Heidi Meyer,  
Peyton, Dillon, Afton

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Baseball, Trap Shoot

**School Memory:**

My favorite school related memory is going on the New York Mission Trip.

**Future Plans:**

I plan to attend Ridgewater College for Precision Agriculture and Agriculture Marketing and Communications.



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# Carrie Mulder

**Family:**

Luke and Trisha Mulder,  
Abby and Grant; Molly and Tage

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Basketball

**School Memory:**

My favorite school related memory is going on the senior Ecology trip.

**Future Plans:**

I plan to attend Dordt University for Biology Secondary Education.



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# Garrett Mulder

**Family:**

Josh and Susanne Mulder,  
Eddie and Allie, Owen; Case and Winona;  
Josie

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Track & Field, Soccer, Theater,  
Student Council

**School Memory:**

My favorite school related memory is going on the New York City mission trip and being able to learn how to minister to some of the homeless population there.

**Future Plans:**

I plan to attend the University of Northwestern in St. Paul, MN, for Business.



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# Peighton Mulder



**Family:**

Jed and Melissa Mulder

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Cross Country, Basketball

**School Memory:**

My favorite school related memory is going on my recent mission trip to New York.

**Future Plans:**

I plan to attend Crown College for Elementary Education.



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# Jennifer Post



**Family:**

Ronald and Melanie Post,  
Heather and Tyler; Trevor

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Basketball, Golf

**School Memory:**

My favorite school related memory is going on the Ecology trip and going to Washington, DC with my class.

**Future Plans:**

I plan to attend Minnesota West in Luverne, MN, for Dental Assisting.



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# Logan Roelofs



**Family:**

Lanne and Lori Roelofs,  
Ashley and Grant; Alex and Kinsley, Blakely;  
Andrew, Austin, Loudena

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Soccer, Basketball, Golf

**School Memory:**

My favorite school related memory is going  
on the Ecology trip.

**Future Plans:**

I plan to attend South Dakota State University  
for Business.



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# Kaiden Ruis



**Family:**

Matthew and Tia Ruis,  
Sadie

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Cross Country, Track & Field

**School Memory:**

My favorite school related memory is  
going on the New York Mission Trip  
and the Washington, DC trip.

**Future Plans:**

I plan to attend Calvin University in  
Grand Rapids, Michigan, for Nursing.



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# Brooke Schlegel



**Family:**

Chris and JoLene Schlegel,  
Nicole and Matthew, Hayes; George

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Golf, Theater, One Act, EPIK Student/Worship  
Leader, 4H Agricultural Ambassador,  
Kandiyohi County 4H Ambassador

**School Memory:**

My favorite school related memory is the  
Washington, DC trip with my whole class.

**Future Plans:**

I plan to attend North Dakota State University  
for Agricultural Science and Equine Science.



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# Tseganesh Schwitters



**Family:**

Lenny and Michelle Schwitters,  
Jaxon and Liz; Landry, Amar

**Extracurricular Activities:**

None

**School Memory:**

My favorite school related memory is  
going on the Washington, DC trip.

**Future Plans:**

I plan to attend Samford University for  
Communication Sciences and Disorders.



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# Maggie Setrum

**Family:**

Jon and Emily Setrum,  
Lindsey

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Cross Country, Theater, Chapel Worship,  
Student Council

**School Memory:**

My favorite school related memory is going on the New York Mission Trip. It was an amazing opportunity full of life-changing experiences.

**Future Plans:**

I plan to attend Dordt University for Nursing.



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# Isaiah Swart

**Family:**

Jamie and Wendy Swart,  
Lexi, Bailey

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Basketball, Baseball, Trap Shoot

**School Memory:**

My favorite school related memory is Mr. Rothstein's classes and field trips.

**Future Plans:**

I plan on going into the workforce and farming.



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# Addilyn Taatjes



**Family:**

Ben and Megan Taatjes,  
Lauren

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Basketball

**School Memory:**

My favorite school related memory is going on class trips and going to Washington, DC.

**Future Plans:**

I plan to attend the University of Sioux Falls for Elementary Education.



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# Gabriel Timmer



**Family:**

Greg and Sarah Timmer  
Abby, Sam, Caleb

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Soccer, Track & Field

**School Memory:**

My favorite school related memory is going to Washington, DC.

**Future Plans:**

I plan to attend Ridgewater College for Welding.



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# Jacob Ver Steeg

**Family:**

Jason and Melissa Ver Steeg,  
Kayla and Tim; Josh

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Baseball, Soccer

**School Memory:**

My favorite school related memory is going to New York City on a mission trip. It was such an awesome trip.

**Future Plans:**

I plan to attend South Dakota State University for Construction Management.



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# Elizabeth Wassenaar

**Family:**

Kevin and Jennifer Wassenaar,  
Eagan, Elias

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Theater

**School Memory:**

My favorite school related memory is being a part of the student section when we played at William's Arena at the state basketball tournament and cheering as loud as we could.

**Future Plans:**

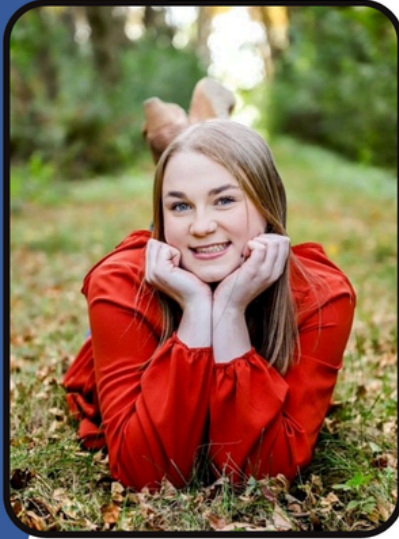
I plan to attend the University of Northwestern in St. Paul for Nursing and later on go back to be a Nurse Practitioner.



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# Sydney Watson

**Family:**

Eric and Danielle Watson  
Cora, Skyler, Drys

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Track & Field, Theater

**School Memory:**

My favorite school related memory is going on the Washington, DC trip and the junior class trip.

**Future Plans:**

I plan to attend Ridgewater College for Nursing.



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# Cayden Wubben

**Family:**

Scott and Lexi Wubben,  
Ryan and Kendra, Sadie, Beau, Caroline;  
Lucas and Karisa, Silas, Levi & Archer;  
Tyler and Bailey, Kohen; Hannah

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Soccer, Golf, Youth Group

**School Memory:**

My favorite school related memory is going on the Washington, DC trip.

**Future Plans:**

I plan to attend Alexandria Tech for Law Enforcement.



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# Samuel Zwart



## Family:

Steven and Angela Zwart,  
Zach and Katie; Abby and Parker; Aaron  
and Kennedy; Allie and Eddie, Owen;  
Skyler, Seth

## Extracurricular Activities:

Soccer, Track & Field, Theater

## School Memory:

My favorite school related memory is  
playing the parachute game in elementary.

## Future Plans:

I plan to attend Palm Beach Atlantic  
University for Chemistry and Spanish.



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# Congratulations Graduates!

## Class of 2026



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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)

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