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CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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DON'T MISS THE FLOWERS

Last year I had the opportunity to serve on an accreditation team at a sister Christian school. One of my responsibilities was to interview several parents from the school community. I was so encouraged as I listened to one father enthusiastically share about his educational experiences and how different this Christian school was from the public schools his family had attended. His job had moved them around the country, and over the past twelve years his children had attended four different schools. This was his first experience with Christian education, and he couldn't say enough good about it. The biblical vision was clear, the mission was evident, the staff was deeply committed to excellent Christian education, and he was more than satisfied.

Then I interviewed another parent. She responded, somewhat smugly, "Yes, those things are true. I am an alumna of this school, and there are many wonderful things, but there are still a lot of things that could use improvement..." She went on to list several expectations she had for her children's experience that the school wasn't meeting.

The irony?

They were married.

She had grown up in the community and knew the school inside and out. This was his first experience with Christian education. I was both amused and enlightened by this living example of the old adage: *Familiarity breeds contempt.*

I was sharing this phenomenon with a mentor and confessed that, too often, I also reflect this sentiment in my own life.

He told me about a large pot of flowers his wife had hung on their front porch. It had well over a hundred blossoms on it. From the road it was stunning—a beautiful splash of color that perfectly accented their home. Yet every time he walked past it, he found himself pulling off one or two dead blossoms. Before long, that became all he noticed. He wasn't appreciating the beauty anymore; he was simply looking for the problems.



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DON'T MISS THE FLOWERS, CONTINUED...

That illustration has stayed with me.

When we reviewed our recent parent survey results, we humbly rejoiced to see unusually high levels of satisfaction and vision alignment. More than 80–90% of respondents affirmed the direction of our school and the work God is doing here. Yet, if we're honest, so many of our conversations naturally gravitate toward the areas that still need improvement. Our thoughts tend to ruminate on the handful of problems rather than the abundance of blessings.

Make no mistake, we will continue seeking better ways to steward the resources God has entrusted to us. We will continue pursuing greater academic excellence, deeper spiritual vibrancy, and an even stronger student experience at Central. Faithful stewardship requires this of us.

But my prayer for this coming year is that we don't miss the flowers... that we live with gratitude for the remarkable gift of Christian education that God has given us. That we celebrate well what He is doing while faithfully working to make it even better. And that the way we serve one another increasingly reflects His goodness, truth, and beauty.

Jon De Groot, Superintendent



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THANK YOU!

STUDENT DISCIPLESHIP

"...These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also..." Acts 17:6

"Be in the world, not of the world." It's a phrase I (Jimmy) heard countless times growing up in church. By the time I reached high school, it often seemed to mean little more than avoiding the wrong movies and music that was "too secular." While these conversations were well-intentioned, they often caused me to spend more time avoiding the world than allowing the narrative of the Bible and the beauty of the Gospel truly capture my imagination.

In Acts 17, Paul and his companions are called those who "have turned the world upside down." It wasn't a compliment, but an accusation. What was so unique about these Christians that people saw them as those who were changing the world?

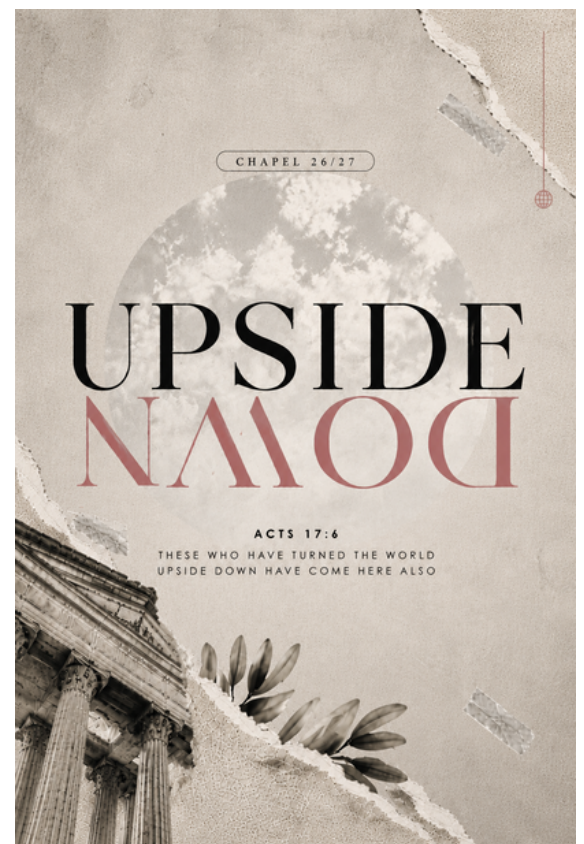
Our students are bombarded with competing visions for what life should look like. Every day they are told how to spend their time and money, what success looks like, who they should become, who they should date and marry, what they should value, and even what kind of socks they should wear with their sandals (if you know, you know). Every voice is inviting them into a different story.

At Central, our mission is to equip students for a life of service. Through this year's chapel theme, Upside Down, the middle and high school students will explore eight Biblical ideas: Kingdom, Riches, Justice, Worship, Relationships, Service, Power, and Mission. Each month we will see how Jesus overturns worldly values and calls us to a better way. Our hope is that these themes not only teach our students how to think, but also shape the ways they live in the halls of Central and beyond. Our elementary students will apply the theme Upside Down to discussions of four of our Teaching for Transformation throughlines: Community Builders, Servant Workers, Image Reflectors, and Earth Keepers. Through learning about these throughlines and discussing Biblical stories, we hope our students will end the year with a better picture of what it means to be a part of the Kingdom of God.

We are excited to have a team of great people working together on student discipleship this year. Mr. De Groot and I (Jimmy) will be working on planning out the middle and high school chapels and squads. Mrs. Berry will continue to plan the elementary chapels and small groups. We are excited to welcome Katy Vogel as our new Faith Formation Coordinator to assist the team in keeping details organized and planning out special events like service projects and Flock days, as well as building connections with students throughout the school.

As the gospel spread in the book of Acts, it changed lives in a very real sense. This is our hope and prayer for our students. Not only do we want them to be equipped for lives of service, but also to be the kind of people who, by God's grace, turn the world Upside Down.

Further up and further in,
Jimmy Buehler, High School Bible
Becky Berry, Elementary Student Discipleship Coordinator
Jon De Groot, Superintendent
Katy Vogel, Faith Formation Coordinator





CROSSWALK GUARDS NEEDED

We're looking for student and adult crossing guards for the 2026-27 school year! If you have a child entering 4th or 5th grade who is willing to help for a few minutes after school, or if you're an adult who can volunteer one morning a week from 8:00-8:30am, we'd love to hear from you. Can't commit to a regular schedule? We're also looking for substitute crossing guards. If you're interested, please contact Kate Link at katel@centralbluejays.org.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE & SCHOOL PICTURES

We look forward to our Back-to-School Open House and School Pictures on Thursday, August 20, from 6:00-8:30pm. This is a great opportunity to bring school supplies, meet your teachers, explore classrooms, and have school pictures taken before the first day of school. Below is the schedule:

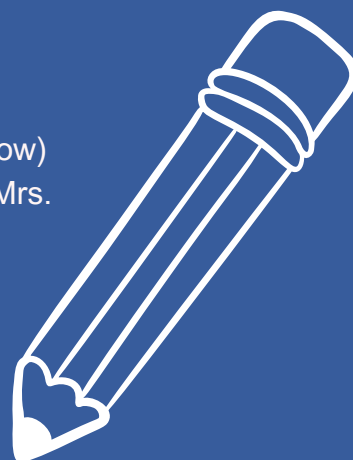
Open House Schedule

- 5:00-6:00pm – New Family Orientation (Event Center)
- 6:00-8:30pm – School Pictures (High School Gym; see schedule below)
- 6:30-7:00pm – Freshman & New Student Chromebook Orientation (Mrs. McCoy's Classroom)
- 7:00-7:30pm – Middle School Orientation (Elementary Gym)

School Picture Schedule

- 6:00-6:30pm – New Families
- 6:30-7:30pm – Students with Last Names A–L
- 7:30-8:30pm – Students with Last Names M–Z

View the picture package options using [this](#) order form. Paper order forms will also be available during picture night. If you would like to pre-order your school pictures, [click here](#) using the Online Order Code: 0640HEA.



ATHLETIC ORIENTATION

The Athletic Orientation meeting will be on Monday, August 17, at 7:00pm in the High School Gym. Student athletes and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend for a brief review of our athletic policies.

This meeting is for ALL sports throughout the school year. So if your athlete does not participate in fall athletics, but does participate in winter or spring, you will need to attend this meeting.

FALL ATHLETIC PHOTOS

High School and Middle School fall athletes, mark your calendars for fall sports photos:

- High School - Monday, August 24
- Middle School - Wednesday, September 2



PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

Each spring, we invite our parents, staff, and constituents to complete a school-wide satisfaction survey. This year's survey generated 124 responses, along with hundreds of thoughtful comments and suggestions. Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate. Your feedback is one of the most valuable tools we have as we continue pursuing our mission of providing a Christ-centered, quality education that equips students for a life of service. Overall, the survey paints an encouraging picture. Across nearly every major category, over 80% of respondents reported being satisfied or very satisfied with their experience at Central. Families expressed especially strong appreciation for our academic excellence, spiritual formation, caring teachers, support staff, and the way students are known personally, disciplined intentionally, and challenged academically.

Perhaps even more encouraging than the numerical ratings were the open-ended responses. Again and again, parents described the joy of seeing their children grow in their faith, develop meaningful relationships with teachers, and receive an education grounded in a Biblical worldview. Many commented that their children genuinely love coming to school, feel known and cared for, and are surrounded by adults who intentionally point them to Christ. Those comments are deeply encouraging because they reflect the heart of who we strive to be.

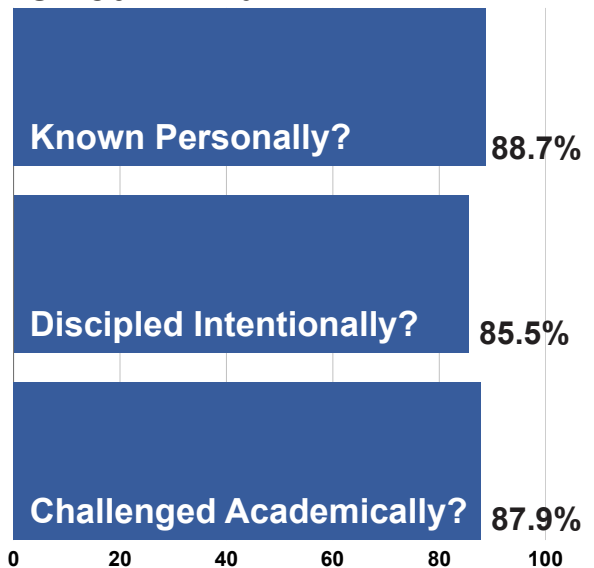
At the same time, surveys are most valuable when they help us identify opportunities to improve, and several themes emerged consistently from the feedback. Families expressed a desire for stronger communication in certain areas, particularly around timely grade updates and classroom communication. Others encouraged us to continue strengthening school safety, improve the nutritional quality of school lunches, maintain high expectations for both students and staff, and explore additional opportunities in vocational education, life skills, and career pathways.

Internally, our leadership team recently reviewed every survey comment alongside a comprehensive SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis. While we celebrate areas of strength, we also recognize opportunities to grow. In the coming year, we will continue investing in academic excellence, strengthening our culture of discipleship, improving communication and operational consistency, evaluating student attendance and accountability practices, and continuing conversations around school safety and long-term program development.

One theme that stood out throughout the survey is something we never want to take for granted: the trust our families place in Central Minnesota Christian School. Christian education is a partnership between the home, the church, and the school. We are grateful for families who care enough to celebrate what is going well while also offering thoughtful feedback about where we can improve.

Thank you for walking alongside us. We remain committed to listening well, leading faithfully, and continually growing as a school where students are known personally, disciplined intentionally, challenged academically, and ultimately equipped for lives of joyful service to Christ.

Is Your Child...



CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

TEST SCORE RESULTS

At Central Minnesota Christian School, we value providing a nurturing and challenging environment where every child is Known Personally, Discipled Intentionally, and Challenged Academically. Year after year, our students exceed national academic averages, often performing one or two grade levels ahead of their peers. We believe in equipping children not only with academic excellence but with a strong foundation rooted in a Biblical worldview. Through our Teaching for Transformation framework, our teachers thoughtfully integrate God's word into every subject so that students may experience His story through meaningful lessons that engage both their minds and hearts.

Results indicate what level students are testing at in each grade using the Iowa Assessments. Student results include English Language Arts (ELA), Math, & a Composite Score consisting of ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

For example: 4th grade students, on a 4th grade level test, tested as if they were a student in the fourth month of 5th grade (5.4 Score).

2025-2026 Iowa Assessments

1st Grade

SUBJECT	Grade Equivalency	National Percentile Rank
ELA	2.0	64th Percentile
Math	2.1	66th Percentile
Composite	2.1	66th Percentile

2nd Grade

SUBJECT	Grade Equivalency	National Percentile Rank
ELA	3.4	73rd Percentile
Math	3.3	71st Percentile
Composite	3.6	79th Percentile

3rd Grade

SUBJECT	Grade Equivalency	National Percentile Rank
ELA	4.6	69th Percentile
Math	4.6	75th Percentile
Composite	Not Available	Not Available

4th Grade

SUBJECT	Grade Equivalency	National Percentile Rank
ELA	5.4	63rd Percentile
Math	5.3	61st Percentile
Composite	5.4	61st Percentile

5th Grade

SUBJECT	Grade Equivalency	National Percentile Rank
ELA	7.0	69th Percentile
Math	7.2	71st Percentile
Composite	7.3	70th Percentile



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6th Grade

SUBJECT	Grade Equivalency	National Percentile Rank
ELA	8.6	73rd Percentile
Math	7.3	56th Percentile
Science	9.3	73rd Percentile
Social Studies	9.0	72nd Percentile
Composite	8.2	66th Percentile

7th Grade

SUBJECT	Grade Equivalency	National Percentile Rank
ELA	9.4	68th Percentile
Math	8.6	59th Percentile
Science	9.3	63rd Percentile
Social Studies	9.7	67th Percentile
Composite	9.2	64th Percentile



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SPRING 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!

Trap Shooting:

Carson Beerman - *Perfect 25 Straight, 8th in Conference*

Baseball:

Jake Ver Steeg - *All Conference*

Jager Ahrenholz - *All Conference Honorable Mention*

Golf:

Eli Gerdes - *All Conference, 3rd in Conference Average, Medaled at Sections*

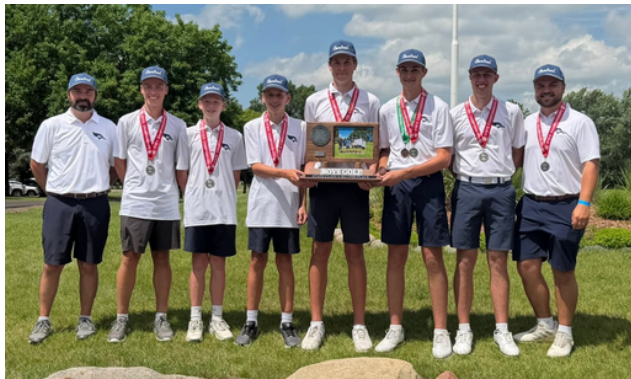
Joey Graves - *All Conference, Medaled at Sections, Tied for 5th Place at State*

Carter Taatjes - *All Conference, Tied for 5th Place at State*

Carson Lundeen - *All Conference*

Graham Lundeen - *Medaled at Sections*

Team Highlights - *2nd Place in Conference, 1st Place in Sections, 2nd Place at State*



Track & Field:

Mya Dannen - *School Track Record Girls 400m Dash (1:00.45), Subsection Champion Girls 200M and Girls 400M, State Track Participant Girls 400M (15th)*

Garrett Mulder - *Camden Conference Champion Boys 800M, Boys 4x200, Boys 4x400, Subsection Champion Boys 800M, Boys 4x400M, State Track Participant Boys 800M (5th)*

Moses De Groot - *Camden Conference Champion Boys 100M, Boys 4x200, Boys 4x400, Subsection Champion Boys 4x400*

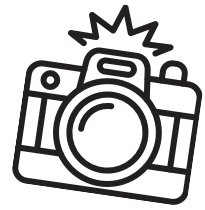
Kaiden Ruis - *Camden Conference Champion Boys 4x200, Boys 4x400, Subsection Champion Boys 4x400*

Gabe Timmer - *Camden Conference Champion Boys 4x200, Boys 4x400, Subsection Champion Boys 4x400*

Ethin Mammen - *Camden Conference Champion Boys High Jump, Subsection Champion Boys High Jump*



STUDENT LIFE



- A.** Our Duck Hunt was a huge success. Congratulations to these young explores on claiming their prize on the grand duck hunt.
- B.** Our first-ever Bluejay Golf Scramble was packed with friendly competition, creative challenges, and an exciting playoff finish.
- C.** We ended the Freedom Fun Days with a parade celebrating 250 years of America.
- D.** We had the privilege of welcoming the Central class of 1976 back to school this summer to celebrate their 50th class reunion.
- E.** Mr. Rothstein and the Fishing Club had a great summer fishing local lakes with friendly competitions. Thank you to the volunteers who gave of their time and boats, giving our students great experiences.
- F.** Thank you to bus driver, Wade Buss, and his family for representing Central in the Renville Sugar Beet Days Parade.

Central Minnesota Christian School **BOARD MINUTES**

June 29, 2026

Members Present: Heidi Graves, Matt Hoekstra, Christy Groen, Sarah Van Beek, Chris Schlegel, Mitch Schwindt, Josh Mulder (online-new member), Jon De Groot

Members Absent: Paul Leverington, Joe Vander Ark

1. Devotions and Prayer- Jon DG read a chapter called "The Power of Vision" from "Leading Jesus' Way" (Mark 1:16-18). May our vision and work align with God's purpose. Cast and set the vision for the future of Central. He also read a poem "Guerrillas of Grace" as a prayer.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda MSP

Motion- Mitch S

Second- Heidi G

a. Board Committee Minutes

b. Board meeting minutes from May 2026

Discussion: None

3. Review of Leadership team reports for information

4. Welcome Josh Mulder as our new member

a. Board member introductions

5. Year-End Report from Dean Stier

a. Testing data: Great testing data showing continued improvement in ELA, Math and the Composite. All grades scored well.

b. Dean S gave several staff updates celebrating strengths reported on Middle School and High School student surveys like teaching from a strong Christian worldview, displaying Christ-like character, knowing them personally, promoting student engagement in class, and effectively using class time. Dean S also expressed commitment to supporting areas of needed growth revealed on these surveys, such as creating more opportunities to engage in work that helps our community, more time to reflect on how their work contributes to God's kingdom, and discipling students more intentionally.

c. Elementary staff remains committed to excellent instruction and will work toward better communication between staff members.

d. Dean S shared a picture of students in student-led prayer for Esmond's surgery. This spiritual climate is such a blessing.

e. Dean S shared the Teacher Evaluation Rubric areas: Teaching Traits/mission, vision alignment=70%, work plans, duties, communication and follow through=30%

f. Looking ahead:

i. Block scheduling in fall 2026, Block Scheduling during Professional Development days, and a 3 year process

1. Living a life of service is a high priority in the block scheduling idea

2. Dean S will work to provide space for conversations about concerns related to block scheduling since it's new

ii. CESA to align our practices and their standards

iii. CSI accreditation 2027-28

iv. Will work on onboarding new staff for the first couple of years

v. Education Committee (implementing newly adopted AI guidelines, working on creating Ed. Tech guidelines, curriculum review 9-12)

vi. Dean S will work to prioritize his many roles (classroom, discipline, curriculum review, staff evaluation)

6. Board Officer Voting:

a. Thank you to the Governance Committee for providing recommendations. After Board discussion, some minor adjustments were made.

b. Board officers elected:

i. President: Christy Groen

ii. Vice-President: Joe Vander Ark

iii. Treasurer: Heidi Graves

iv. Secretary: Ryan Moorlag

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BOARD MINUTES

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- c. Committee Chair and member assignments:
 - i. Executive: Christy G (chair), Joe VA, Heidi G, Ryan M (secretary)
 - ii. Governance: Joe VA (chair), Paul L, Josh M
 - iii. Finance: Heidi G (chair), Mitch S (co-chair)
 - iv. Advancement: Matt H (chair), Chris S, Ryan M
 - v. Education: Sarah VB (chair)
- d. Motion to amend Governance recommendations: Ryan M as Secretary instead of Sarah VB to allow her to stay as the chair of the Education Committee and the Ed Tech Task Force. Remove Ryan M from Governance Committee and add Ryan M to Executive Committee. Matt H agreed to chair Advancement Committee which was not specified on the Governance Committee recommendations.
 - i. Motion: Josh M
 - ii. Second: Mitch S
 - iii. Discussion: support was expressed to Ryan M for willingness to serve as Secretary
 - iv. MSP
- 7. Reflect on 2025-26 Decisions made/motions passed: Christy G
 - a. Spent time highlighting a few of the decisions made and lessons learned from some difficult decisions.
- 8. Parent-Student Handbook Updates Draft: Jon DG
 - a. Transportation policy reviewed
 - b. Part-time student policy reviewed
 - c. Excessive absences wording changes reviewed
 - d. Vote will take place in July to support these changes to the Parent-Student Handbook
- 9. Strategic Plan Update-Consultant proposal: Jon DG
 - a. Outlined what consultant would provide
 - b. Timeline for one year to accomplish final draft by April 2027 Annual Meeting
 - c. Consultant made a generous Pro bono offer
 - d. Board members are encouraged to reach out to consultant with questions before the July meeting so we can discuss more extensively then.
 - e. Discussed that community input in this strategic plan seems like a hybrid of the following...info from the listening sessions and surveys in the past and current communications. The Leadership Team and Board will be working hard to determine: We thought we heard this in the past. Is that still what we are hearing? Constituency would like to give input and not start from scratch.
- 10. New to You Task Force Update: Heidi G
 - a. Discussion to be had in future meetings about having a new task force or a board for New to You going forward.
- 11. Prayer Initiative Update: Sarah VB
 - a. Will email July plan to Board later
- 12. Old and New Action Item Review: Christy G
- 13. Closing Prayer: Christy G
 - a. As we celebrate what took place at Central in 2025-26 and anticipate a new year of accomplishments, challenges, strategic planning...may we lean on You in all of it. May it all be to your glory and for your purposes. Keep our eyes on you and allow us to recognize the distractions that come our way. Keep our vision clear, our ears attentive to your voice, and our minds laser focused on what you would have for the next 50 years for Central. May all we do equip our students for a life of service to you.
- 14. Meeting Adjourned- MSP
 - a. Motion: Matt H
 - b. Second: Heidi G

Welcome KATY VOGEL

Family:

My husband, Stephen, and I have six awesome kiddos – Maddie, Charlie, Ollie, Jordan, August, and Adelaide

Position:

Faith Formation Coordinator

Church:

Unity Christian Reformed Church

Hobbies:

I love taking pictures and capturing the sweet moments around me, as well as baking, going on family bike rides and just being outdoors.

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

My hope is, with the love of Christ flowing through me and His guidance every day, to be able to reach the students and get to know them on a personal level. I desire to encourage their personal walk with Jesus and help students to find their identity and worth in who they are in Jesus Christ!



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

Welcome RACHAEL ZIGTERMAN

Family:

My husband, David, and I have four children: Evelyn, Obadiah, Serenity, and Eliot

Position:

Registrar/Administrative Assistant

Church:

Emden Christian Reformed Church

Hobbies:

I enjoy spending time with family, board games, and puzzles.

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

I want my relationship with Jesus to shine through every interaction—whether someone walks through our front doors, calls, emails, or simply passes by. My prayer is to live out 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 as my daily motto, ensuring that Christ's love, patience, and kindness shape everything I do at Central.



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

Welcome ISAAC BROUWER

Family:

My parents Jeff and Angie Brouwer, along with my siblings and their families: Ryan and Mary with Sage, Daisy and Dahlia; Ethan and Lauren; and Ashlyn

Position:

Food Director/Head Cook

Church:

Bunde CRC

Hobbies:

I can honestly say my biggest hobby is collecting hobbies. Currently I'm big into fishing and dirt biking!

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

I would like to use my relationship with Christ at Central in everything I do. I am the glove and Jesus the hand that fills it. Not only do I want everything I do to glorify God, but I need to rely on Christ to give me the strength and will to do it all.



JOIN US IN WELCOMING ISAAC TO BLUEJAY NATION

TRIP Schedule

TRIP Schedule	
August	10 & 24
September	14 & 28
October	12 & 26
November	9 & 30

SAVE THE DATE

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 11-13	HS Retreat
September 29	Picture Retakes
October 1-2	No School/Heartland Break
October 23	End of Q1/Noon Dismissal
October 27	HS Fall Concert

Central MN Christian School
Student School Supply List 2026-2027
4K-5: 2 pairs of shoes- one indoor and one outdoor
4K-12: labeled water bottle

SONSHINE 4K

- ___ Backpack
- ___ Notebook or journal
- ___ 1- 2-pocket folder
- ___ 5 Ticonderoga #2 sharpened pencils
- ___ Pack of 12 glue sticks
- ___ 8 count Crayola fat crayons (not jumbo)
- ___ 16 count Crayola regular crayons
- ___ Extra clothes- labeled
- ___ Box of sandwich baggies (boys)
- ___ Box of gallon baggies (girls)
- ___ 1 box of Kleenex
- ___ Clorox wipes
- ___ Baby wipes
- ___ Blanket & pillow- full days ONLY

KINDERGARTEN

- ___ 1 box of Kleenex
- ___ 1 pencil box
- ___ 2- 10 count Crayola classic color markers
- ___ 2- 24 count Crayola crayons
- ___ 12 Ticonderoga #2 sharpened pencils
- ___ Box of sandwich baggies (boys)
- ___ Box of gallon baggies (girls)
- ___ Clorox wipes (boys)
- ___ Baby wipes (girls)
- ___ 3 low-odor Expo dry erase markers
- ___ 1 highlighter (any color)
- ___ Paint shirt- large size t-shirt
- ___ Backpack
- ___ Pillow- no blanket
- ___ Pack of 12 glue sticks
- ___ Headphones- labeled, no earbuds
- ___ 1 change of clothes in Ziploc bag

GRADE 1

- ___ Indoor shoes (no laces)
- ___ 2- 24 count Crayola crayons
- ___ Scissors
- ___ Backpack
- ___ 1 highlighter (any color)
- ___ 1 pencil box
- ___ 12 Ticonderoga #2 sharpened pencils
- ___ 2 big pink erasers
- ___ 10 count Crayola classic thick markers
- ___ Headphones- labeled, no earbuds
- ___ 8 low-odor Expo dry erase markers
- ___ 1 change of clothes in Ziploc bag
- ___ Pack of 12 glue sticks
- ___ 1 red- 2-pocket folder
- ___ 1 green- 2-pocket folder
- ___ 1 box of Kleenex

GRADE 2

- ___ NIV Bible
- ___ 24 count Crayola crayons
- ___ Pencil box or bag- labeled
- ___ Backpack
- ___ 2 boxes of Kleenex
- ___ 12 Ticonderoga #2 sharpened pencils ___ 2
- ___ Pink erasers
- ___ Scissors
- ___ Headphones- labeled, no earbuds
- ___ 10 count Crayola classic thick markers
- ___ 2 highlighters
- ___ 3- 2-pocket folders
- ___ 4 low-odor black Expo dry erase markers

GRADE 3

- ___ NIV Bible
- ___ 1 pencil box (labeled)
- ___ 24 count Crayola crayons
- ___ 10 count Crayola fine line markers
- ___ 12 count Crayola colored pencils
- ___ 12 Ticonderoga #2 sharpened pencils ___ 2
- ___ pink erasers
- ___ 8 low-odor BLACK or BLUE Expo dry

- ___ erase markers
- ___ Scissors
- ___ 2- 2-pocket folders
- ___ Headphones- labeled, no earbuds
- ___ Backpack
- ___ 1 box of Kleenex

GRADE 4

- ___ NIV Bible
- ___ Backpack
- ___ 1 pencil box
- ___ 5 wide-rule notebooks
- ___ 5- 2-pocket folders
- ___ 4 glue sticks
- ___ 24 Ticonderoga #2 sharpened pencils
- ___ Pencil top erasers
- ___ 1 Pink eraser
- ___ 4 different colored highlighters
- ___ 4 low-odor Expo dry erase markers
- ___ 1 box of Kleenex
- ___ Headphones- labeled, no earbuds
- ___ Scissors
- ___ Colored pencils

GRADE 5

- ___ NIV Bible
- ___ 1 journal or composition notebook
- ___ 1- 3-subject notebook
- ___ 3- 2-pocket folders
- ___ 1 pencil box (labeled)
- ___ 12 Ticonderoga #2 sharpened pencils
- ___ 2 pink erasers
- ___ Scissors
- ___ 1 whiteboard eraser
- ___ Headphones or earbuds- labeled
- ___ Backpack
- ___ To Share:
- ___ 8 low-odor Expo dry erase markers
- ___ 1- 10 count Crayola markers (thick or fine)
- ___ 2 boxes of Kleenex

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- ___ Organization Materials (choose 1 option)
 - Option 1: 3 inch zipper binder
[Zipper Binder 1](#) or [Zipper Binder 2](#)
 (highly recommended for 6th grade)
 - Option 2: 5-1 inch 3-ring binders
 labeled Math, Science, History, Bible, English
 - Option 3: 5 folders labeled Math, Science, History, Bible, English
- ___ Basic calculator TI-30 (not graphing)
- ___ 1 notebook or package of loose leaf paper
- ___ 1 inch 3-ring binder for Math (6th grade)
- ___ Colored pencils
- ___ 3 different color pens
- ___ 24 Ticonderoga #2 sharpened pencils
- ___ Pencil bag (only needed with options 2 & 3)
- ___ 3 different color highlighters
- ___ NIV Bible
- ___ Scissors
- ___ Earbuds (these will be left at school)
- ___ Backpack
- ___ Padded or neoprene case for

Chromebook (8"x12", diagonal 14")
 ___ 2 boxes of Kleenex for squad room ___ Athletic shoes for P.E. (If you wear athletic shoes daily, not applicable)

Assignment book provided for 6th grade only

GRADES 7 & HS ART

- ___ 5.5" x 8.5" sketchbook
- ___ Box of Kleenex- optional

GRADES 9-12

- ___ NIV Bible
- ___ Pens and pencils
- ___ Notebooks and folders
- ___ 3-ring binder & loose paper for each subject
- ___ Padded or neoprene case for Chromebook (8"x12", diagonal 14")
- ___ Kleenex- optional, bring to advisor

HS ALG I, GEOM, ALG II

- ___ 2- 3 inch 3-ring binder
- ___ [Texas Instruments TI-30XIIS calculator](#)

***No Casio calculators allowed**

INTEGRATED MATH

- ___ 2 inch 3-ring binder
- ___ 5-8 dividers
- ___ Texas instruments scientific calculator

ACCOUNTING

- ___ 1 inch 3-ring binder

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

- ___ 2 inch 3-ring binder

HS SCIENCE

- ___ 2 inch 3-ring binder
- ___ Notebook
- ___ Texas instruments scientific calculator

HS SPANISH COURSES

- ___ 1 inch 3-ring binder





STORE UPDATE

Happy Summer, Central Community - and thank you for your willingness to serve at New to You!

It has been an amazing spring-summer season. It's always a surprise that Back to School is just around the corner. Another exciting milestone approaching quickly is the **Grand Opening of our second location!** You can anticipate an email in the near future inviting you to help us prepare and celebrate.

New this year: As we continue looking for ways to improve, steward our resources well, and value your time, parent service hours will now be part of the **Team Schedule**. In response to feedback, this means your service time will no longer be "extra help" but will directly replace paid staff during your shift. A more detailed explanation will be coming soon to parents who have signed up.

First thing: New to You will have a table at Central's Open House! We look forward to visiting with you and connecting as we begin another great year together.

Second thing: We are excited to share that we were awarded **West Central Tribune's Best of the Best 2026 in the Thrift Store** category! Thank you for shopping with us and always encouraging us to be our very best. We are looking forward to serving our school and community in a second location soon. Be sure to check out the Tribune's Best of the Best Magazine!



Thank you for teaming up with New to You!

— Kristin Poortvliet; Director of Thrift Store Operations

June Monthly Report:

Total Sales: \$96,161.80 Last Year: **\$92,986.01** Contribution to Central: **\$15,000**

Sales Per Day: \$3,775.45 Last Year: **\$3,567.72**

Number of Processed Items: 31,756 Sell-Through Rate: **54.43%** Volunteer Hours: **572**

July Monthly Report:

Total Sales: \$103,067 Last Year: **\$91,278** Contribution to Central: **\$15,000**

Sales Per Day: \$3,964 Last Year: **\$3,659**

Number of Processed Items: 27,688 Sell-Through Rate: **64%** Volunteer Hours: **339**

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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)