



The Paw Print



Central Lutheran School

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends of Central:

During these long, cold, snowy days, it's easy to succumb to cabin fever. Read on for some words of encouragement as we persevere through January. Parents, students, and staff can relate to the following.

Has your child ever accidentally thrown his or her dental retainer in the garbage? If you've ever plunked down a couple hundred dollars for a retainer, you know that retainer must be rescued. Nope, it's certainly no fun digging through the garbage, but it must be done. If this has happened more than once to your child, then the child is probably the one who needs rescuing.

Experiences like this remind us of Romans 5:8 (NIV):

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Kind of makes helping a child sift through a garbage can *pale* in comparison? (*No pun intended*)

Upon being plucked from a crumpled napkin and heaven knows what else, the retainer gets washed, disinfected and put back where it belongs to serve its purpose, yet again. Jesus found you and me, and we are much more valuable than a retainer. He washed us in His blood and rinsed away our sin with His baptismal water. He makes us functional again, ready to serve the purpose for which we were called. Will we ever get over

the amazement of it all?

Let's hope not. Just as a new blanket of snow covers the old, dirty snow, so it is with Jesus coming to us in the form of a human to be born, to die and to rise from the dead so we could have eternal life. How fresh the Gospel is when we're conscious of our own garbage (sin). Jesus loved and died for us before we ever knew Him. He strengthens us through His Spirit so that we might serve Him. He wants us to be just like Him. While we wade through the bitter cold of January and our sin, be assured that "... God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us."

May this Good News give you joy, hope and peace this Epiphany Season!

January Calendar

<i>Chili Bowl @ Williamsburg. JV Girls begin @ 4:00</i>	8
<i>Varsity Girls play in Davenport Tournament @ 9:00 am</i>	9
<i>Faculty Meeting @ 3:45</i>	11
<i>JV Girls & Boys BB vs. CR Trinity @ Blirstown, 4:30 and 5:30</i>	12
<i>Snow Makeup Day for everyone, including Preschool 4s.</i>	13
<i>Beginning of 3rd quarter</i>	14
<i>Mid Winter Varsity BB Tourney at CR Trinity</i>	15-17

US Cellular Contest ends Friday, Jan. 15



Let the count-down begin...8

days until the polls close Friday, Jan. 15 @ 11:59 pm, to be exact.

C'mon, show of hands, and be honest, who among us thought we didn't stand a

snowball's chance (you-know-where) of making the top hundred or the top 10, let alone 1st Place?

What a crazy wild ride this has been! Every day we were entertained, astounded, amazed and truly humbled at the outpouring of support from

students, their parents, grandparents, great grandparents and numerous friends and alumni who have helped us keep the dream alive. Whether we win or lose, the timing of this contest is most certainly divine, as it coincides with the kickoff of our

What's Inside...

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Detassling Opportunity

A while back we ran a story about detassling this summer as a way to raise money for the gym/kitchen remodel. Lori Lang needs to know, by the end of January, how many people would be seriously interested in forming a team of 15. Please contact her as soon as possible and let her know if you're up to the challenge. Detassling isn't for everyone, but there's some money to be made in those fields. If we had enough people, we could have two shifts a day. One shift could work for 4 hours and then another shift could come in and relieve them. That might make it more palatable and easier to work around if you have daycare issues. Think about it and let Lori know by end of January.

Geography Bee

Hey, Carmen San Diego, the CLS Geography Bee *Final* is scheduled to take place tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 8. We will hold it in the library. Parents are welcome to attend, provided we *have* school. If we have a late start, the Bee will begin at 10:30.

Bleacher Chairs

Just in time for the basketball season, the bleacher chairs have arrived! That should put some smiles on those cheeks...all four of them. Stop in at the office to pick up yours and make payment. If you are regretting not ordering a tushy cushy, then you're in luck. Amy Eggert ordered some extra chairs with CLS backs. She also has five extra Benton backs.

*Admission to the game, Free
Price of a walking taco, \$2.50
Price of seeing your kid make a basket
while sitting on a 3-inch block of foam,
Priceless.*

The Calendar, a shell of its former self

Here are the changes to the calendar:

We will have a regular day of school **Monday, January 18**, to make up for snow date on Dec. 9

We will have a regular day of school **Monday, February 15**, to make up for snow date on Dec. 10.

We will have a regular day of school on **Thursday, April 1**, to make up for Dec. 14. (Sorry, no fooling)

January 13 was originally a half-day. It is **now a full day** of school. Preschool 4s will have a regular day.

Although Benton has changed the end of their 2nd quarter, we will keep ours the same. The last day of the second quarter will be **Wednesday, Jan. 13**. The first day of the 3rd quarter (and the rest of your life) will be **Thursday, Jan. 14**. Report cards will come home **January 20**.

The early dismissal for **Friday, January 15**, will stand as scheduled.

The paper calendars you received at the beginning of the year are all but obsolete due to the weather, so you can keep up with the current calendar by logging onto www.centrallutheranschool.org. Click on Calendar/Weather, then click on 2009/2010 Calendar. Go to Andrea Weber and click on Calendar. Click on Mrs. Rieck's calendar for lunch menu.

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Building in Faith campaign. The camaraderie generated by this shot-in-the-dark opportunity shows us what we can do when we all pull together. If we win the loot, then we can add a nice chunk 'o change to the gym/kitchen fund. If we don't win, at least we know that we gave it all we had. I don't think I'm going out on any limb here in saying that I don't think any school has worked harder to win a contest. Give yourselves a big old pat on the back because you have done well, *extraordinarily*

well. If the weather allows us to get to the Chili Bowl, let's remember to thank our Williamsburg friends for their support. They've shown a great deal of character and good sportsmanship. In that same vein, we thank Vinton's Trinity Lutheran Church for their support, even as Vinton public school remains in the contest.

Let's go out with a big bang, folks...eight days to push us over the top. Keep generating those votes...we can do this, guys. We're not going to give up until 12:00 am

January 15! When that website goes dark, then we can rest. I'll leave you with words of wisdom that I'm totally and blatantly ripping off from Charla Franck's dad who said, 'It might be only one vote that separates 11th place from 10th place.'

Kind of gives you the chills if you think about it for too long. And to quote my boss, who totally and blatantly ripped of Yogi Berra, "It ain't over till the fat lady sings, or Andrea, whichever comes first."

Touch of Class

College Kid Care Packages

For the 15th year, Benton Community High School will host the Touch of Class Show Choir Invitational Saturday, February 13. In terms of needing volunteers, the Touch of Class event is analogous to the PTL Brunch or Cougar Classic. As we well know from putting on huge events, many hands make light work. Last year many CLS families graciously donated their time and talent toward this event. If you would like to re-up and volunteer again, please contact John Hayden @ jhayden@benton.k12.ia.us and let him know that you would like to volunteer.

Every year we put together care packages for CLS alumni who are attending one of the Concordia colleges. This year we are assembling three such packages, one each for M'Leigh Rempfer and J'Nae Rempfer (daughters of Pastor David and Rhoda Rempfer) and Caitlyn Runge, daughter of Jodi and Dave Runge.

What items are good for college kid care packages? Small stuff, for sure, as they have to haul everything back to college. Perishable items probably aren't the best choice. Gift cards are always welcome. Why when I was back in college, I often had to choose

between buying cigarettes and doing my laundry. (Did you know that if you change into your pajamas immediately after you get done with class and carefully fold the clothes you wore to class, you can wear the same pair of jeans for a good two weeks?)

Seriously, if you can remember back to those salad days, you know what a college kid will appreciate. Pastor Rempfer has indicated his girls aren't big junk food eaters, so Subway is a good alternative for healthy but fast food. Gas cards are tricky because out in Seward, NE, there are no BP stations, so Visa Gift cards might be a good alternative. Please turn in your stuff by next Tues, Jan. 12. Thanks in advance.

Secretary o' the Month

Channel 9 Meteorologist Josh Baynes Visits CLS



This TV secretary looks like shopped for her makeup at Sherwin Williams (reason #35 why I don't wear makeup). She starred in an ABC sitcom that ran 9 nine years, beginning in 1995. She played a secretary to the administrator who ran Winfred-Lauder, a department store in Cleveland, Ohio. She and the show's main character, Drew, had a hate-hate relationship. Drew was the HR manager who denied her a promotion because of her make up. She and Drew constantly traded insults and pulled practical jokes on each other. She finally got back at him by marrying his brother.

Name her character and her real name:

Who played her mom on the show?

What was the show's theme song?



Miss Hillman's 5th graders were treated to a live chit-chat with KCRG meteorologist Josh Baynes who came all the way out to our humble abode and entertained and educated the class with facts and fun experiments. And for anyone who's wondering, yes, he's even better looking in person!



Way to put your best foot forward, kids! That's scarier than the weather!

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CLS Mission Statement: Central Lutheran School assists our congregations and parents by preparing children to be disciples for this life and the life to come.

THEME for 2009-10: Spiritual Fitness.

HYMN OF THE YEAR: Let us Ever Walk with Jesus

CHAPEL OFFERING: \$51.79

To date: \$508.43

Next Week's Chapel 1/13:

Leader: Pastor Woolery

Singing: Lady Gaga

Miscellaneous

Thanks to Bree Hepker for entering CLS in a Labels for Education (Soup labels) contest and winning us 100 points!

Tales from the Kindergarten Room:

This little gem comes from a parent who was quizzing his child about who the substitute was the day Ms. Cattau was gone.

Dad: Who was your substitute?

Child: Miss Eggert.

Dad: No, that's Mrs. Eggert. She's a Mrs. because she is married.

Child: Is Miss Cattau a Miss because she missed her wedding?

Tales from the Preschool Room:

In order to occupy an overly rambunctious preschooler, Miss Becky tasked the little one with counting all the kindergarteners who were coming out of their room. When the procession had ended, Miss Becky asked the child how many he counted. The child responded, "All of them."

Ask a silly question...

ATHLETIC'S THURSDAY NOTE #17 – JANUARY 7, 2010

FIRE UP! Here we go with the second half of the basketball season and finally some HOME GAMES!! Remember that **all** of our home games will be played in Blirstown at the community center!

There are a couple of additions to the schedule:

VARSITY GIRLS will play on Jan. 26 AT Heritage at 5:00 with the varsity boys game to follow at 6:00

VARSITY BOYS ONLY – Feb. 15 at 5:00 AT Pathway Christian School which is near Kalona.

WORKERS for the JV games on January 12 –

4:30: Amy Eggert – book Julie Kaestner – clock Marilyn Gerhold – concessions She would like some help here!!

5:30: Kris Boyles – book Mary Hiner – clock Becky McKinney, Gwyn Stoll, Leslie McKibben – concessions

SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 7 – JANUARY 17

Thursday, January 7 No School – No Practices

Friday, January 8 CHILI BOWL at Williamsburg *Note time change!! JV girls dismissed at 2:45 -Leave at 3:00**

4:00 – JV girls 5:00 – JV boys 6:00 – Varsity girls 7:00 – Varsity boys

Sat., January 9 – Sun., January 10 – Varsity girls at Davenport tournament – first game at 9:00 a.m.

Monday, January 11 Varsity girls and JV girls practice

Tuesday, January 12 FIRST HOME GAMES at BLAIRSTOWN vs. Cedar Rapids Trinity

4:30 - JV girls 5:30 – JV boys

Varsity boys practice at Central

Cheerleading practice

Thursday, January 14 Varsity girls and JV girls practice

Friday, January 15 Varsity girls at Cedar Rapids Mid-Winter Tournament – 7:30 p.m.

JV boys and Varsity boys practice

Saturday, January 16 Varsity girls and boys at C.R. Mid-Winter Tournament

Boys first game at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 17 Varsity boys at C.R. Mid-Winter Tournament

Cheerleading competition (CLS- exhibition only) – 10:30 a.m.