



# THE THURSDAY NOTE

**Christmas Concert is Monday, Dec. 21 @ 6:30:  
students there by 6:15 pm.**

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| BB Games in Waterloo and Readlyn                       | 19     |
| Christmas Concert at Benton HS Auditorium 6:30         | 21     |
| Snow Make up Day with early dismiss @ 1:10             | 23     |
| Christmas Vacation                                     | 24-1/1 |
| Classes Resume   | 1/4    |
| Benton HS Guidance Counselor to talk to 8th grade 2:15 | 1/5    |
| Early Dismiss @ 1:10: pre-school reduced schedule      | 1/6    |

## No Days off for Dead Presidents and Revered Civil Rights Leaders... Thanks Mother Nature

Some winters it just doesn't pay to be a fine American...especially if you live in East Central Iowa. Thanks to our premature Christmas Break earlier this month, the snow make up dates are as follows: Wednesday, Dec. 23, with regular chapel and dismissal at 1:10; Monday, January 18 (Martin Luther King Day); Monday, February 15 (Presidents' Day). No word yet on when we will make up our most recent snow day from Monday, Dec. 14... perhaps I should consult the dog.

Here are some FAQs regarding the schedule:

*Will the Christmas parties still be held on Tues, Dec. 22?* No, Virginia, there will be no parties on the 22nd. They have been moved to the 23rd. We have an early out that day. Each class is deciding what they will do for lunch that day; there will be no hot lunch that day. Each class is deciding what they are doing for gifts, too. Kudos to the 7th graders for thinking beyond themselves...they're bringing \$5 each for the Angel Tree (and a white elephant for each other just for fun). Questions? Call your child's teacher.

*What is going on with the preschool schedule?* Well, it's just screwy, that's what's going on...Here's the low-down...but you don't have to keep it on the down-low. The 3s and 4s will come tomorrow, Friday, 12/18. They need to practice for the Christmas concert. Bob will run the bus for both the am and pm class. What a guy. All 3s and 4s should also come on Monday, 12/21, again to practice for the Christmas concert. Then on Tuesday, 12/22, all 3s and 4s should come and be prepared to party down. On Wednesday they'll all be hung over so keep 'em home. Again, NO PRESCHOOL on Wednesday, 12/23.

*The calendar says the Christmas concert is Tues., 12/22 but the Thurs Note says it's 12/21... what gives?* You should speak with our military leaders because you've obviously been holed up in the mountains of Afghanistan with Osama. The concert date has been changed to Monday, 12/21. The concert, as always, is being held at the Benton Community High School in Van Horne. The concert begins at 6:30 but children should be there at 6:15. Please don't drop them earlier than that. Each family should bring a dozen bars/cookies to share *after* the entire concert is over. This seems as good a time as any to discuss concert etiquette. The Christmas concert is usually standing room only. The good news is: people tend to leave after their child's performance. The bad news: people tend to leave after their child's performance. If you must leave, please do so quietly. If you're left without a seat

### 2009-10 Theme

Spiritual Fitness

### Hymn of the Year

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

### CLS Mission Statement

Central Lutheran assists our congregations and parents by preparing children to be disciples for this life and the life to come.

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## Full Steam ahead on U.S.S. Cellular

Don't look now, but we're being watched by a lot of schools around the country who have been calling and asking what we're doing; what our enrollment is; etc. We tell them: "We have an incredible volunteer base of parents/grandparents/great-grandparents and friends who are voting for us and we have 160 kids. Would you like to vote for Central too?"

I'm writing this on Wednesday, so the results haven't been updated yet. As soon as we know the results, we will blast out an email. If you see them before we do, please give us a buzz.

I think everyone knows this stuff but just a reminder: 1) You don't have to be a US Cellular customer to vote or to get a card. 2) You are only allowed to enter your name in the contest one time AND you can only use the voter card once. (We're told that the computer will continue to accept a voter code even though it's already been used. DO NOT USE THE VOTER CODE MORE THAN ONCE, as it will kick out multiple votes that are tied to one code. An employee at one of the US Cell stores in the area scolded one of our supporters saying, "Some lady voted more than 400 times using her name and the same voting code all 400 times!" The employee didn't identify the school, so we don't know if she was accusing or informing, but the bottom line remains the same: One person, one vote, one card. 3) When you hear of a store that is out of cards, please give us a heads up so we can direct potential voters to alternate locations.

Because we are being watched, the rest of this will be in cryptic code for our competitors to crack:

*The Crow Flies West:* Translation: Keep on doing exactly what you're doing.

*A one-eyed talisman will greet you at the Great Divide:* Translation: Continue to spread the word about the contest.

*North by Northwest:* Translation: Great Hitchcock movie; rent it over the break. Carey Grant never looked better.

## Pride Apparel SNAFU...Translation: Don't kill messenger



### Chapel Information

#### 2nd Quarter Offerings:

*Bethania*

#### December 17 Offering:

\$62.51

#### Total to date (2nd q):

\$456.64

#### Dec. 23 Leader:

Pastor Woltemath

#### Singing:

Adam Lambert

I called our vendor to see where the Pride Apparel order is, and they said they never received the order. Because I know Santa was bringing many Pride Apparel orders, I have retained famed attorney F. Lee Bailey to speak on my behalf. Take it away Flee: "This morning I was retained by Andrea Weber to plead her case before a jury of disgruntled parents who have been waiting for their Pride Apparel Order. My investigators have uncovered the following evidence: On Monday, November 16, at 1:40 p.m., my client scanned and emailed the Pride Apparel order to the vendor of Pride Apparel. The photocopier from which the order was sent verified said email's status as "completed." On Tuesday, Dec. 15, my client telephoned said vendor to inquire about delivery of said order. A representative of the vendor replied, "Order? What order?" My client left further instruction for the owner to contact her immediately. On Wednesday, December 16, my client faxed the entire order to said vendor. Minutes later, she received a phone call from the vendor rep who had checked his email and confirmed that he didn't receive the order. When asked which email address she used, my client responded with the email address that is printed at the bottom of their order form. The owner then offered his personal email address with which to reach him for future orders. The vendor then called back three hours later to inform my client that she'd been given an old order form, as the Bomber Jackets are no longer sold. However, he would be able to fill the order this time but not in the future.



I submit to you the jury that my client is guilty of a lot of things, including, but not limited to: bad jokes, not refilling the ice cube trays, forgetting to drain the dishwasher overnight so that her husband has to put his hand into cold, dirty dishwasher to drain the sink and not putting away her laundry. However, my client is absolutely, 100% innocent in this debacle that will go down in the annals of legal history as the PrideApparelGate. If the Pride Apparel doesn't fit, you must acquit, or order a bigger size next time."

In order to retain her good name and mitigate damages, my client will *personally* deliver Pride Apparel orders if they come in after school lets out for Christmas break, *and* she will do it while wearing a court-ordered Santa hat.

## Mother Nature, cont'd.

and are propped against the wall, remember that we can hear you when you talk. There is no invisible sound-proof wall separating the standers from the sitters. If you must visit with your neighbor, *please* whisper during the performances or be prepared to share your conversation with the rest of the class. If you open the door to leave during a performance, please close the door softly. If you plan to crash the concert, at least have the courtesy to do it quietly, and for Pete's sake, ditch the tux and formal...we're a pretty laid back group. We know the temptation created by that table full of cookies and treats that waits outside the auditorium doors. If your little one (and by little one, I mean toddlers) simply can't wait, he/she may have one cookie until the rest of the concert goers have a chance to go through the line.

Looks like the Second Grade parents are in charge of refreshments after the concert. Co-chairs: please don't wait for Monday night after school to track down the lemonade, containers, cups and napkins. Everyone, if you bring cookies and want your container/plate back, put your name on it.

Those are all the calendar changes (except sports stuff) that we have at this time. Keep your eye on the Thursday Note for any other changes. Scout the weather dog and I will keep you posted on further weather events.



## ANGEL TREE GIFTS DUE DECEMBER 22

The CLS Student Council is heading up the Angel Tree project this year. You may have already seen the tree in the entrance. If not, you'll want to visit the tree in the entrance. You will find paper angel ornaments on the tree that tell you what to buy for each member of our adopted family. A little background on our adopted family: Kathy is a single mom of four (a 10-year-old boy, a 14-year-old junior high girl and twin girls in high school). Kathy is a breast cancer survivor, a testament to her strong Christian faith. Last month Kathy's father passed away, a result of the depression he'd been afflicted with. For years Kathy's mom has battled lymphoma and was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor. Her cancer is treatable but incurable. Kathy works at Hy-Vee in Dubuque and has taken many days off work to be with her parents in the hospital. Understandably, she is struggling to make ends meet financially. She did not come to us looking for help. Rather, someone in the CLS family knows Kathy and asked if we would be willing to adopt the family at Christmas. Diana Buscher, our student council sponsor, and our student council are taking on this project and need your help. Please consider taking an angel from the tree and returning the tag with an unwrapped gift. The student council members will wrap the gifts Tuesday, Dec. 22, so please have everything turned in by that date. May God bless you for your generosity.

## EMAIL Problems

Grant Wood's server kuh-rashed big time this week. They are rebuilding a new one as we speak and it's supposed to be up and running by 3:00 Wednesday (yesterday) afternoon. A ton of our emails either did not come in or go out. Every time I hit "send/receive" it showed me how many gazillion messages were waiting to be sent. So it's not that I'm ignoring you; I just can't send yet. If you have something critical for me or your child's teacher to know about, better to call this week.

## 8th Grade Registration for High School

Benton Community guidance counselor Jamie Martin will be speaking with our 8th graders about the registration process on Tues, Jan. 5 at 2:15. She will return the 22nd to do the actual registration. In the meantime, parent meetings will be held at Benton: Jan. 5 @ 7 pm and Jan 7 @ 7 pm. Parents, please try to make one meeting.

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**Tales from the Preschool:**

*The following is a true story. The names have been changed to protect the innocent.*

During Jesus time in the preschool class, Miss Becky was explaining to the preschoolers that Christmas is when we celebrate Jesus' birthday. One cherub, who quickly digested the fact that Jesus was having a birthday, asked (serious as a heart attack):

“Will Jesus be going to Chuckie Cheese for his birthday?”

**Fourth Grade Follies:**

*The following is a true story. The names have been changed to protect the innocent.*

This math answer came from one of Mrs. Brubacker's fourth grade math students. Keep in mind that the student had been having difficulty with not labeling his/her answer:

**Math book question:** Q: If 10 swimmers swam a race and only 3 received medals, how many swimmers did not receive medals?

**Student Answer:** 7 losers.

# Late Breaking News on SCRIP ORDERS:

The orders will not be ready until Friday afternoon. The SCRIP company is a tad backlogged, as expected. Thanks in advance for your understanding and patience.

ATHLETIC'S THURSDAY NOTE #16 – DECEMBER 17

The basketball season is going strong and our teams played hard over the last week and came up with some wins and some losses. Now we are heading into the last few days of competition before Christmas break. All of the teams will be practicing at some time during break, so please check with your coaches to be sure of time and place. When we come back in January we will start off with the Chili Bowl at LIS and a varsity girls' tournament in Davenport before we have our **HOME OPENER on Jan. 12** at Blairstown. Please keep **ICE** in mind over the holidays and if you have time and opportunity to start making and saving it up for our concession stand, that would be GREAT! Have a wonderful Christmas!

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Schedule for December 17 – January 9

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| Thursday, December 17 | 3:45 – 5:00 | Varsity girls practice                             |
|                       | 4:30 – 6:00 | JV girls practice                                  |
| Friday, December 18   | 3:45 – 5:15 | JV Boys practice                                   |
|                       | 4:30 – 6:00 | Varsity boys practice                              |
| Saturday, December 19 | 9:00        | JV girls at Waterloo                               |
|                       | 10:00       | JV boys at Waterloo                                |
|                       | 11:00       | Varsity girls at Waterloo                          |
|                       | 1:00        | JV girls at Readlyn                                |
|                       | 2:00        | JV boys at Readlyn                                 |
|                       | 3:00        | Varsity girls at Readlyn                           |
| Monday, December 21   | 3:45 – 5:00 | JV and Varsity girls both practice due to concert! |
| Tuesday, December 22  | 3:45 – 5:15 | JV Boys  |
|                       | 4:30 – 6:00 | Varsity boys                                       |
|                       | 4:00 – 5:30 | Cheerleading practice                              |
| Friday, January 8     |             | CHILI BOWL at LIS                                  |
| Saturday, January 9   |             | Varsity girls at Davenport tournament              |