



THE THURSDAY NOTE

Mrs. Rempfer resigns her post after 12 years



Jamie Martin registers 8th graders @ 9:00	22
Iowa Test of Basic Skills	25-29
PTL Meeting @ 7:00 pm (Daycare provided)	28
PTL Dinner and & Movie Night Dinner 5:30-6:30; Movie 6:44	29
Initial Commitment Dinner @ 6:30; St. John's NH	2/9
Main Commitment Dinner @ Turner Hall; 12:30	2/21
Children's Event @ St. John's Keystone	2/21

Second grade teacher Deb Rempfer has announced her resignation from CLS, effective the end of the 2009-10 school year.

"I am thankful for the opportunity to have served Central these last 12 years. It has been a joy to share God's Word with the children in my care. I have enjoyed working with the staff, and I appreciate the support and encouragement provided me during my years of service. I look forward to serving my Lord in other ways," Rempfer wrote in her letter to the Board.

During her years at CLS, Mrs. Rempfer has taught both kindergarten and second grade and has led the Rainbow Choir. (Please watch future Thursday Notes for a more in-depth interview and story on Mrs. Rempfer's years here at CLS).

Mrs. Rempfer's resignation leaves some pretty big shoes to fill. Presently, the plan is to hire someone part-time to teach the second grade (math and reading) in the morning in a self contained classroom environment. In the afternoons, the second graders will combine with the third grade class to finish out the remainder of the day.

If you know of someone who is looking for a part-time teaching opportunity, please contact Mrs. Doellinger.

Friday, February 12, is a SNOW MAKEUP Day

For those of you keeping track, we have missed 7 days of school due to weather. We will be making up our January 7th snow date Friday, February 12. This is important for you to know well in advance, as there will be NO BUSES that day. (Benton has a full day of professional development scheduled and will not have classes, as of this writing). While we do our best to remain on the same schedule as Benton, there are times when it isn't feasible. The administration and staff are in agreement that a snow make-up date that is scheduled *within* the school year, as opposed to being tacked on at the end, is a more productive day of learning. Keep the pencil handy, we haven't seen the last of the bad weather and/or calendar changes. Keep on top of the latest calendar by going to: www.centrallutherschool.org and click on Calendar- Weather and then click on Andrea Weber (office monitor) calendar.

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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Jubilation Choir hits the road

The Jubilation Choir (5th through 8th) will visit Windsor Manor Care Center this Friday. The bus will leave at 12:30 and return by 2:30. The care center has assured us that it will be okay to visit barring any unforeseen outbreaks of the Bubonic Plague or Yellow Fever. We will discourage our students from shaking the hands of the residents during the short visitation time.

Then the **Jubilation Choir will sing Sunday, January 24, at St. John's Newhall** (second service). Please have your student in the church basement by 10:15 to warm up. Sunday School and the Adult Education Hour begin at 9:15, so please plan on joining us for worship at St. John's Newhall.

Marathon Walkers... they really walk the walk!

Big and Belated Congratulations to our Marathon Walkers: Fourth grader Nick "Crazy Legs" T. (26.5 miles); First grader Macy "Strider" S. (30 miles); Kindergartener Alison "Prefontaine" N. (26.25 miles); and Kindergartener Dawson "Eat my Dust" F. (26.25 miles).

CLS Tournament Play



A special congratulations goes out to the CLS Varsity girls basketball team for bringing home two tournament trophies in a matter of six days. The girls placed second at the Shoot for the Stars Tournament in Davenport and second at the Mid-Winter Tournament at Trinity Cedar Rapids. Congratulations also to the Varsity Boys basketball team for their 7th place ranking at the Mid-Winter Tournament.



PTL News and Events

Chapel Information

3rd Quarter Offerings:

**Hearts for Jesus and
Lutheran Family Services**

January 20 Offering:

No School

Total to date (3rd q):

No School

Jan. 27 Leader:

8th Grade

Singing:

The Ting Tings

PTL Meeting: Thurs, Jan. 28 @ 7 pm. Daycare provided by 8th graders. All parents please come!

PTL Dinner and a Movie Night, Friday, January 29. Dinner served from 5:30 to 6:30. Movie starts at 6:44 pm. That's 6:44, not 6:45, not 6:43...but 6:44! We always run about 10 minutes of previews anyway so don't sweat being late. **Order your Subway sandwich by RSVP'ing to the office with the number of adults and children who will be eating Subway.** The movie is a mystery movie because we won't know which movie will be shown until next week.

Do you have any Rubbermaid type containers that you're not using or that you would like to donate? We need them to store plates, cups and silverware in the shed, as the critters are having a field day with all the styrofoam. (That's not a raisin in your coffee cup!) Please contact Rhonda Hollister or the office.

Early Registration Opens February 1, 2010

Early registration for the 2010-11 school year will open February 1. Early registration is for families who are members of the association churches (St. Stephens or St. John's Newhall or St. John's Keystone) **AND/OR** CLS families who already have children attending CLS. The registration process is quite simple. For returning families, simply fill out a registration form (one per child, front and back) and return to the office with the registration fee. For first-time families, you must fill out a registration form with the fee, provide current immunization record and a copy of the child's birth certificate and schedule a meeting with Principal Doellinger. *So if I turn in a registration form, does that mean my child is "in" for next year?* We can't confirm a place in the classroom until EARLY REGISTRATION closes March 31. At this writing, we don't have firm figures yet on registration fees and tuition for next year. Those figures won't be available until after the Voters Meeting at St. Stephen's next week.

OPEN REGISTRATION: begins April 6. This is for families who are new to CLS who don't attend one of the association churches. Registration process is the same: fill out and return registration form with fee, bring copy of current immunization form and copy of birth certificate, schedule a meeting with Mrs. Doellinger.

One change from years' past: anyone registering for 4-year-old preschool will *not* be required to pay a registration fee.

PER BOARD POLICY, ALL PAST DUE REGISTRATION AND TUITION MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR NEXT YEAR. IF YOU KNOW THAT YOU WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY FULFILLING THAT REQUIREMENT, YOU MUST CONTACT MRS. DOELLINGER **BEFORE** YOU REGISTER. HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR TUITION ACCOUNT? CALL ANDREA AT THE OFFICE.

National Lutheran Schools Week dates changed

Technically, the dates haven't changed, but the dates that we will observe NLSW have changed. The calendar shows us celebrating it the first week in March. Turns out NLSW is actually March 8-12, and we will follow that schedule. Therefore, **chapel** for that week has been moved to **Friday, March 12**, in order to coincide with **Grandparent/Grandfriend Day**. (March 12 is also an early out). All the other activities for the week are still being planned, so stay tuned.

WRESTLING SINGLET NEEDED

Vince McMahon called...no, it's not for me. I hung up my singlet years ago when the Fabulous Moolah put me in a headlock that rendered me senseless...and now you know the rest of the story.

Anyhoo, Charla Franck needs a singlet for Dawson (kindergarten), preferably Benton Blue. If you can help her out, please contact her. Thanks. **UPDATE:** Charla has located a singlet. Thanks for the quick response to the email.

Please Use GoodSearch when revving your search engine

Did you know that if you use Goodsearch.com (search engine) and GoodShop.com (online shopping), GoodSearch will send Central Lutheran School a "dividend" check. From October 2008—September 2009, all the searches that were generated using CLS as the recipient resulted in us receiving a check of \$49.65! Not bad money for doing absolutely NOTHING other than surfing the internet. Thanks to everyone who used and uses GoodSearch!!

ATHLETIC'S THURSDAY NOTE #19 – JANUARY 21

Congratulations to the varsity girls and boys basketball teams for their efforts this past weekend at the Cedar Rapids Mid-Winter tournament. The girls finished in 2nd place out of 8 teams and the boys finished 7th. The cheerleaders also performed a routine on Sunday – perhaps the first time CLS has ever performed at a competition, although this was on an exhibition status!

SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Varsity girls rescheduled game AT Williamsburg - Thursday, Feb. 11 at 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 26 – Varsity girls will play AT Heritage at 5:00 and Varsity boys will play at 6:00

Feb. 15 – Varsity boys play AT Pathway Christian School at 5:00

Feb. 18 – Varsity boys will play Heritage at 6:00 following the Varsity girls' game vs. Waterloo at Blirstown

Feb. 19-20 – Varsity boys will compete in the Defenders tournament in Cedar Rapids

SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 21 – SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

Thursday, January 21 - JV home games at Blirstown vs. Williamsburg

Girls – 4:30 Boys – 5:30

Varsity girls practice

Friday, January 22 JV and Varsity boys practice

Saturday, January 23 Home games at Blirstown vs. Readlyn and Davenport

9:00 JV girls 10:00 JV boys 11:00 Varsity girls NO VARSITY BOYS

1:00 JV girls 2:00 JV boys 3:00 Varsity girls 4:00 Varsity boys

Monday, January 25 JV home games at Blirstown vs. Waterloo

Girls – 5:00 Boys – 6:00

Varsity girls practice

Tuesday, January 26 Varsity games at Heritage Girls – 5:00 Boys – 6:00

JV boys practice

Cheerleading practice

Thursday, January 28 Varsity and JV girls practice

Friday, January 29 JV and Varsity boys practice

Thursday				January 21, 2010 vs. Williamsburg			
JV Girls	Book	Amy Eggert			Concessions		Susan Voss
4:30 PM	Clock	Julie Kaestner					
JV Boys	Book	Kris Boyles			Concessions		Gwyn Stoll
5:30 PM	Clock	Mary Hiner					Becky Thompson
							Leslie McKibben
Saturday				January 23, 2010 vs. Readlyn			
JV Girls	Book	Kris Boyles			Concessions		Deb Peterson
9:00 A.M.	Clock	Mary Hiner					Jodi Bierschenk
JV Boys	Book	Bret McKinney			Concessions		Elaine Weirather
10:00 A.M.	Clock	Steve Weirather					Rachel Brokaw
							Suzie Kochuyt
V Girls	Book	Carmel Retz			Concessions		Dale Kochuyt
11:00 A.M.	Clock	Jenny Hayden					Heather Miller
V Boys	Book	NO GAME			Concessions		Amy Wells
12:00 P.M.	Clock						Deb Peterson

Home Sporting Events Volunteer Sign Up- 2009/2010 Basketball Season

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART - 2010

From February 15 - 19, the students at Central will be holding a *JUMP ROPE FOR HEART/HOOPS FOR HEART* event. We do this for a couple of reasons - to educate our students on the importance of physical activity for heart health, and also to raise funds for the American Heart Association to be used in the fight against heart-related diseases. Each student will be on a team of 4-5 jumpers that will jump between one and two hours on one of the afternoons that week.

Your child will be bringing home a sponsor form so they can start collecting donations for the AHA. Please note the instructions you will find there for using online fundraising if you would like to take advantage of that. It's a very easy way to inform friends and family about what they are doing and to ask for their support.

You will also find a permission slip attached to the sponsor form which needs to be collected BEFORE the event so your child can participate, even if they do not collect any donations. PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN IT TO SCHOOL BY February 8th!

We are going to try a new format this year and have assigned the grades different days to jump. Please check the schedule closely to be sure your child has comfortable athletic shoes and clothing for the day they are participating.

In the past, we have had great help from parents and we are asking for volunteers again this year to supervise the jumping teams and to help turn ropes for the K-4th graders. The 5-8 graders will be participating in Hoops For Heart which will include some basketball activities as well as jumping rope. If you would be willing to help or have any questions, please contact Stella Wolter at 223-5271 or e-mail at swolter@cent-luth.pvt.k12.ia.us

Monday, Feb. 15	Kindergarten	1:00 - 2:00
Tuesday, Feb. 16	1 st - 2 nd grades	1:00 - 2:00
Wednesday, Feb. 17	3 rd - 4 th grades	1:00 - 3:00
Thursday, Feb. 18	5 th - 6 th grades	1:00 - 3:00
Friday, Feb. 19	7 th - 8 th grades	1:00 - 3:00