



CENTRAL DAY SCHOOL INFORMER

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School will be closed on Monday, September 5 for the Labor Day Holiday.



CDS IS THE BEST!

It was announced in this past Sunday's Commercial Appeal that CDS was voted the #1 Private School in Collierville and Desoto County. Thanks to our parents and supporters who voted CDS as the winner. **YOU'RE THE BEST!!!**

Safety Day Is Wednesday, August 31

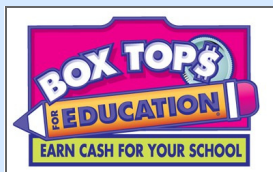


We like to begin the year with a review and training for our students on safety protocols for school and home. These include certain emergency situations that can happen at school. On Safety Day we will practice our emergency procedures for an earthquake, tornado, building-wide lock-down, and fire drill. Teachers will be discussing and practicing these procedures with the students so they will be ready for our school-wide program. At 9:45 students will assemble in the Worship Center for a program presented by Anne Clay, Director of Central Church Children's Ministry and Crisis Response Team Manager. We will practice drills from approximately 10:30 until 11:15 a.m. For about 5-10 minutes at 10:35 the building will be locked down and no one can enter or exit. If you need to check your child out of school for an appointment Wednesday morning, please do so before 10:30 or after 11:15 a.m. The Collierville Police Department will be participating in the program and observing the drill practice. Thanks for your cooperation with the schedule.



Central Church Scout Troop

Central Church sponsors a Cub Scout Troop for boys in grades 1-5. Boys are invited to the kickoff meeting for Scouts on September 6 in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.



Labels for Education and Box Tops for Education

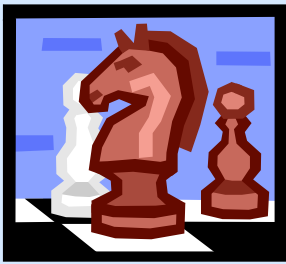
CDS-PTF (Parent Teacher Fellowship) collects Labels for Education and Box Tops for Education year-round. These programs help schools obtain free education merchandise (PE equipment, playground equipment) and money in exchange for proofs of purchase. Simply clip the label or Box Tops logo and send them to school with your child. Each classroom has a box to deposit the proofs of purchase. Geneva Moore is serving as the coordinator again this year. If you have any questions or would like to help with this project, contact Geneva at dmgsmoore@aol.com.



Lunches

The new items for lunch appear to be a big hit with the students! The Corky's hot boxed lunches (chicken and spaghetti) got the thumbs up from students. Our selection of fresh veggies (carrot and celery sticks) have also been popular choices. If you have any questions about lunches, email Teri Ford at teriford@centralschool.com or call 255-8204.

*"Apply your mind to instruction and correction and your ears to words of knowledge."
Proverbs 23:12*



Chess Registration Deadline This Friday, September 2

Kindergartners through eighth graders are invited to learn to play chess on Wednesdays at lunch time beginning September 7. Chess Club is under the direction of Beckie Levatino, an experienced chess teacher at CDS. The first semester of chess is instructional and the second semester is tournament competition. **The cost is \$35 per child per semester.** Registration/permission forms are available online at the cdsthunder.com website. You should pay online thru E-giving. The deadline to sign up is this Friday, September 2.



Moms In Touch at Central Day School

Join other CDS moms meeting to pray each Wednesday for our students, teachers, administration, and school. The first Moms In Touch will meet on **Wednesday, September 7, at 8:15-9:00 a.m. in the Chapel.**



Family Chapel

Parents are invited to a family chapel each semester so we may worship together as a school family. Please mark your calendar for a special Family Chapel—Day of Remembrance on September 9 at 8:30 a.m. commemorating the 10th anniversary of September 11. Join us in praying for our country and its leaders and honoring those who serve to protect our cities and nation.



Do you have time to make a difference?

Our parent volunteers are the best! They help our school offer and accomplish so much more than we could without them. The school office needs parent volunteers who have a few hours a week to assist with some clerical tasks. Our main need is for someone to make copies for the teachers and assist with delivery of Tuesday Informer items on Tuesday. Please prayerfully consider if you have the time to make a difference in your child's school. If you would like to help, contact Lisa Crisp at 255-8134 or lisacrisp@centraldayschool.com.



Music Lessons for CDS Students

Private music lessons are being offered by Anne Frey who teaches piano, harp and voice. Anne is an accomplished musician, professional harpist, and the mother of two CDS students, Madison and Meredith. Students will be given weekly lessons during recess, lunch or study hall. A recital will be held in December and May. The primary teacher will be Anne Frey. **If you would like to register, complete the registration form sent home today and return to school by September 7.** For more information, contact Anne Frey at annefrey@centralchurch.com.



Handbook Highlight . . . *Late Check-In Procedure*

Important learning begins from the first minutes of the school day, so make every effort to be on time. If a child is tardy, a parent must accompany him/her to check in the office. PLEASE do not drop off your child at the front door of the building as your child's teacher has no way of knowing they've entered the building. If the child's class is not in the classroom, the child may not know what to do. For security and safety, bring your child to the office to check-in and then escort them to class. Students may not arrive before 7:45. There is no staff on duty to supervise them before that time.



Go Thunder!!!

The fall sports season is underway with volleyball, golf, and cross country teams now practicing and competing.

Volleyball results for 8/27:
5/6 vs GSL - CDS won
7/8 vs St. Louis - CDS won

Volleyball results for 8/29:
7/8 vs Immanuel Lutheran—CDS won

Girl's Golf results for 8/29:
Sherrie Pak finished 2nd Place

Instant Messages by Cheryl Gradone

Heart Transplant

When our little red-headed son joined the family, we were filled with joy! Our third child had now joined the family. We were thrilled! Needless to say, though, my life as a mother was non-stop from morning to night with a six-year old, a four year-old, and now an infant. Although I was thrilled with my growing family, there was now even more chaos and frustration each day with the constant stream of sibling conflicts, mounting laundry, non-meal planning, housecleaning, etc, etc. Most days I felt like a hypocrite with all the loud commands (let me be truthful, it was yelling) coming from my mouth. Then with the next phone call I sounded like the perfectly sweet mom with everything under control. How could I ever get to that calling of motherhood that I felt God had given me? I just could not go another day like this. I was miserable! Once again, but this time with utter desperation, I cried out to the Lord. This time I needed a total heart transformation, not just a good idea. At that time, there was no semblance of order, routine, peace, or joy in my day which was the real cause of my pain and frustration. How could I change? It seemed impossible. God, in His mercy, heard my cry, and He answered me!



That very week I went to a young moms group at the new church we had just started attending. I didn't know anyone there. The leader was a mom about my age with three children of her own. She was different from any other mom I had met. What was the difference? She had a confidence, yet not pride, in her motherhood. The fruit was evident in her children as well. I needed what she had! She gave me a book entitled Homegrown Kids. That book was the instrument the Lord used to radically change my life. I'm not officially endorsing any book other than the Bible, but I will say that my heart was so transformed that my husband, J.P., actually made a comment about it one week later. He did not know what had happened to me, but he could see that I and our children were radically different. Wow! When my husband noticed the change, I knew that I had truly changed! The Lord had done a heart transplant in me that week.

Truly, it was His hand at work in my heart. For the first time in my life I learned about the value of routine, order, planning ahead and how to communicate with my children. I will not go so far as to say that there were no longer any problems to face or deal with in our family, but I can say that my heart was never the same. The only explanation is that the Lord had put a new heart where that old heart was, a new vision where there had been no vision and order where there had been utter chaos. He put joy and peace in my heart where frustration and anger had once dominated. His plan for me as a mother began to unfold every day; it was an exciting plan. It was the beginning of a life of being the mother He had called me to be so that I could raise up my children for His glory. How amazing!

Psalm 18:6 "But in my distress I cried out to the LORD;

yes, I prayed to my God for help.
He heard me from his sanctuary;
my cry to him reached his ears."

Ezekiel 36:26-27 "And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart.²⁷ And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations."

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Growing Seasons

Central Church Counseling Ministry offers an excellent support program for children called Growing Seasons. This is a program for children ages 4 through 12 who are experiencing divorce and other losses. The parent orientation and registration deadline for Growing Seasons is September 8. For more information contact Jean Brunson at jeanbrunson@centralchurch.com or call 492-1627.

Looking Ahead . . .

- August 31—Safety Day, 9:45 Worship Center
- September 2—Deadline to Register for Chess
- 5—Labor Day, No School
- 6—Scout Meeting, Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m.
- 7—Central Church KidzCentral, 5:50—6:50 p.m.
- 7—Chess Begins
- 9—Family Chapel, Day of Remembrance, 8:30 a.m. in the Worship Center
- 18—PTF Welcome Back Picnic on the Church Grounds, 4:30—6:30

