



CENTRAL DAY SCHOOL INFORMER

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Mark Your Calendar! No School, Monday, November 7

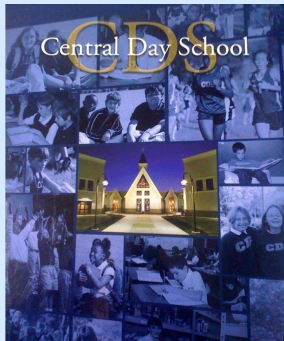
Students will not be attending school on Monday, November 7 due to Teacher In-Service. Central Learning Center will offer Holiday Care for parents who need childcare for students.

Goodies with Grandparents



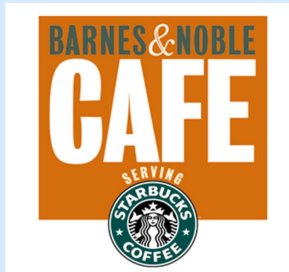
CDS cordially invites all grandparents of CDS students to attend our special Grandparent's Day program on Friday, November 11. Since it's Veteran's Day, the program will have a patriotic theme. Parents are invited to email photos of grandparents and great-grandparents for a slide show. Please make a note if the grandparent or great-grandparent is a veteran. Email photos to Teri Ford at teriford@centralschool.com. If a student doesn't have a grandparent that can attend, we invite grandparent "stand-ins" like aunts, uncles, friends—even mom and dad. If grandparents would like to visit their grandchild's classroom before the program, there will be an Open House with refreshments in the classrooms from 1:30 until 2:10 with the program beginning at 2:15. All grades will participate in the program in the Worship Center. Parents are welcome to attend the program as well. Please make plans to join us as we honor grandparents on this special day.

CDS Yearbook Orders



The CDS yearbook is a photographic keepsake of the 2011-2012 school year. It will be approximately 72 full-color pages bound in a custom hard cover. Yearbooks must be ordered and paid for in advance. The school does not always receive extra yearbooks, so don't take any chances or you may miss out! The cost is \$40 per book. The deadline for ordering is Friday, December 9. Yearbooks may be ordered by completing the form in today's Informer and send in with payment (cash or checks made payable to CDS). Yearbooks purchased after December 9 will be \$50 while supplies last. Yearbooks will be distributed in May. Yearbook ads may be purchased separately. On Wednesday, you will receive detailed information about yearbook ad sizes and pricing. Please do not combine yearbook orders and ad orders on the same form. If you have any questions about ordering yearbooks, contact Teri Ford at teriford@centralschool.com.

Barnes and Noble Fundraiser



Look for Cheesecake Order Forms In Today's Informer & Mark Your Calendar for Event Night, Monday, November 21

One of the highlights of the year is our Barnes and Noble Fundraiser sponsored by PTF. There are a couple of ways our school raises money in conjunction with Barnes and Noble. One is the Book Fair. This year's dates are November 18—23. The school will receive a portion of the sales made on these days when customers use the Central Day School ID number when making purchases. A special family event night is planned for Monday, November 21. This event is great fun and fellowship for our school family. The second way we raise money is the pre-order and purchase of delicious Cheesecake Factory Cheesecakes and - new this year - Gourmet Cookies. The flyer/order form is today's Informer has all the details about how to place, pay for, and pick up your orders.

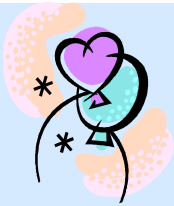
"Through Him, therefore, let us constantly and at all times offer up to God a sacrifice of praise, which is the fruit of the lips that Thankfully acknowledge and confess and glorify His name." Hebrews 13:15

Thanksgiving Food Drive



Thanks to all those who have donated food! There is a serious shortage in our food banks, so keep it coming in! Items such as peanut butter, macaroni and cheese box dinners, cereal, soups, pasta, rice, canned meats, and canned fruits and vegetables are most needed. Also needed are staple items such as flour, sugar, corn meal, biscuit mix, and cornbread mix. **Please make sure items are "in date"**. We will gladly accept cash donations, too. Cash/check donations are used to purchase "turkey" gift cards from Kroger. Checks should be made payable to CDS-PTF. Please send all donated items and money to the classroom. CDS eighth graders will collect and sort the food daily, then pack baskets for distribution. Teachers will be keeping a total of the number of items brought in, and the class who collects the most number of items per student will receive an ice cream sundae party compliments of the CDS-PTF. For tabulation purposes, cash donations will count as two items per one dollar. Because of their affordability, one single package of Ramen noodles counts as ½ item. For example, five packages of Ramen noodles counts as 2.5 items. So, check your pantry and don't delay in gathering your items and sending them in to school. Your generosity is very much appreciated by those who receive help.

A Thank You from Our School Secretary, Mrs. Lisa



WOW, what a birthday week! Big balloon, sweet treats, surprise lunches, homemade cards, serenades, and well wishes. Getting older never felt so good! Special thanks to Amy Carr (Parent Pal) who spent the entire week orchestrating special surprises. To all the students, parents, and staff of CDS thank you! You are all such a blessing to me . . . Love, Mrs. Lisa

Vision Screening Results



Results for students who participated in the vision screening are included in today's Informer. Paperwork will indicate if your child has normal or abnormal screening results. It is recommended that those with abnormal results contact their child's pediatrician, optometrist, or ophthalmologist for follow up. This is only a screening and does not take the place of a complete eye exam by your doctor. Our vision screening was provided as a free service by the office of Dr. Carl Flinn, pediatric ophthalmologist. We appreciate their service to our school.

CDS, CLC, and PDO Open Houses for Prospective Families

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors who are looking for a great Christian school to visit one of our Open Houses in November. Please help spread the good word about the strong foundation and enduring values offered in our preschool and school programs. Don't forget to mention CDS was awarded the 2011 Memphis Most Award for Best Private School in Collierville and Desoto County! Open House dates are Sunday, November 6 from 2—4 p.m. and Tuesday, November 8 from 10-11:30 a.m. For more information contact Linda Stephens at lindastephens@centraldayschool.com.



Car Line Etiquette—Reminders for a Safe Car Line

- Drive slowly. At a slower speed you can react more safely to a hazardous situation.
- Do not cut in to a line that is already formed.
- Do not pull around the car in front of you unless instructed to do so by a car line attendant.
- Do not enter or exit the vehicle on the traffic side. Entering and exiting should be done on the curb side only.

Honor Roll

In last week's Informer, Mckenzie Harris in Mrs. Blackwell's class was accidentally omitted from First Honor Roll. Congratulations, Mckenzie!

Looking Ahead . . .

November 7 - No School Teacher, In-Service

11 - Goodies with Grandparents, Open House @ 1:30 pm, Program @ 2:15 pm

15 - CDS Geography Bee

18 - Kindergarten Thanksgiving Program @ 2 pm in the Worship Center

18 – 23 - Barnes and Noble Fundraiser

21 - Barnes and Noble Event Night at the Carriage Crossing B&N Store

23 - 25 Thanksgiving Holidays

Time to Go

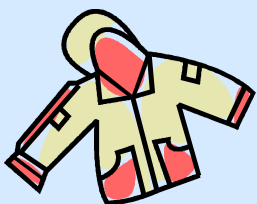
Our fourth child will be getting married in three weeks. Today I would like to tell you a story about her. We named her after J.P.'s mother. Her name means "bright as the sun". We could have called her sunshine, but another name for her flowed from our lips more readily, "Beauty". We have called her "Beauty" her entire life. She truly is a beauty inside and out. From early childhood she has loved Jesus. At age five she learned a song from Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me". She would often stand by the piano singing this song while being accompanied by her daddy. What a sight with those long, brown, corkscrew curls hanging down around her shoulders and with those giant brown eyes shining sweetly as she sang! Jump a few years ahead to age twelve. One night, just after we had prayed with her and tucked her in bed, she said her own prayer to the Lord. Minutes later, she came out to tell us about a vision the Lord had given her. It was a powerful moment in her young life. Jump two more years. She is fourteen and has been voted Chaplin of her school. The Lord used her in awesome ways that year. Another two years and she is almost sixteen. From the beginning of her sophomore year I sensed that something was wrong in her life, but I could not put my finger on it. Months later the truth came to the surface. Something was terribly wrong. This was a very difficult time for us as parents especially because we had never been through a trial like this with any of our children. We thought we would lose our precious daughter to the darkness she had walked into. In that moment, I did not realize that



because of her choices, she was being tested by fire to see if she would choose the Lord Jesus or not. We cried, we prayed, but things were not going the way we thought they should. Rescuing her was not so easy. Through the mighty hand of God, and our listening carefully to His voice, amazing events took place and our daughter was totally restored to God and to us! The trial was not over yet. Three weeks after her sixteenth birthday she was driving a few kids home from the beach in Sarasota. Being distracted by her friends, she ran through a red light totaling her daddy's car and two other cars as well. No one was injured! At the time I never thought to pray over her mind, I was glad she was alive! About six weeks later, she told me about the tormenting thoughts she was having about the "what ifs" of the accident. In that moment, I laid my hands on her head and prayed over her mind and her emotions. She never again had a tormenting thought! Not long after this, a revival broke out in the city of Sarasota at high schools all over town and our daughter was right in the heart of it all. Our house became the hub for many of these new converts for prayer, for fellowship, and for lots of Italian food. Not only was her life rescued and radically changed through this test and trial, but our own spiritual lives were reignited as well. The vision she had had at age twelve was of her standing before small and large groups teaching the Bible.

This time of testing was hard on all of us. We are thankful for it! She is now in her third year of elementary education at UAB. At eighteen she went to Ecuador for a month to teach jungle children English. Her dream is to teach in an urban area where she can truly make a difference in a child's life. She is a captain of the children's ministry at her church and looks forward to having her own family in the future. This trial and test took us totally off guard. God's grace alone and by the mighty working of the Holy Spirit, we not only came through the fiery test, but we were purified and proven in the test. Since that time we have learned that fiery trials are to be expected and that we should be ready for them at all times. Will you be surprised when the testing of your child's faith comes? Arm yourself today with the Word of God. Do not think that you will be successful without standing on God's Word. Will you know how to help? Or will you further add to the fire? Faith and patience are needed. Begin now to prepare not only yourself for the fiery trial but prepare your child as well. Daily have spiritual conversations with her. Be kind. Speak the truth in love. Put away arguing and loud fighting from your life! Let your love be sincere.

"So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God." James 1:19-20.
"Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; ¹³ but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy."
1 Peter 1:12-13



Cooler Weather - ID Outwear

With cooler weather coming, students will be wearing jackets, sweaters, hats and gloves to school. Please remember to make sure your child's name is written in the tag of all outwear items. School uniform jackets and sweaters look alike and are hard to identify without a name. Lost and found items can be found on a table in the 2nd floor foyer by the picnic tables.