



CENTRAL DAY SCHOOL INFORMER

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Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of inclement weather, (snow and /or ice), parents will be notified regarding school closing or an altered schedule via the school website, emails, a phone alert calling system and announcements over the local TV stations. We do not necessarily follow the Shelby County school closing policy.



CDS Christmas Program

Mark Your Calendar for Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Students in grades 1-5 and performing arts students in grades 6-8 will be participating in our annual Christmas Program on Thursday night, December 15 at 7:00. Everyone is welcome to this entertaining program featuring our student body sharing a gospel-themed message. Students in grades 1—5 should meet in their classrooms by 6:30 p.m. Performing Arts students should meet in the music room no later than 6:15 p.m. Please keep in mind, this program is mandatory for students in grades 1—5 and performing arts students in grades 6-8 as it is part of their grade for the second quarter. An unexcused absence will result in a letter grade reduction. An excused absence will meet the criteria outlined in the CDS handbook.



Basketball Season Begins

This week CDS will kickoff the basketball season for the PAA and ESCRA leagues - grades 1—8. On their game days, players in grades 1—4 will be allowed to wear their CDS basketball t-shirt provided by the school with uniform pants. Players in grades 5-8 will be allowed to wear their team warm-up (shooting) shirt provided by the school with uniform pants. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Vincent at stevevincent@centraldayschool.com.

New CDS Spirit Wear

Order by December 2 for Christmas Gifts

Last Tuesday an order form was sent home with the latest styles in CDS t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies. You are able to view the new designs and print additional order forms at www.centraldayschool.com. Orders must be placed by Friday, December 2, in order to receive items in time for Christmas gifts. Orders must be placed using the order form sent home or printed from the website and be paid for in advance. If you have any questions, contact Teri Ford at teriford@centraldayschool.com.



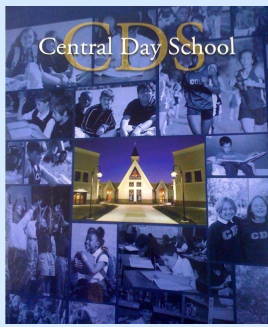
Food Drive Winner

Our classroom winner in the CDS Food Drive was Mrs. Bradshaw's class with a total of 420 points in items and cash. Congratulations! Thanks to everyone who participated. Because of the efforts of our CDS families, we were able to help other families enjoy a Thanksgiving meal and more. We collected 50 family boxes with turkey gift cards for the Shelby County Community Services Agency, 10 boxes of staple foods for the Collierville Food Pantry and contributed to the Central Church Food for Families Drive. Thanks for blessing our community!

Forgot to Order December Lunches?

Lunch ordering for December will be extended until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 30. Lunches must be paid for when the order is placed or your child may not receive future lunches.

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might.” Ecclesiastes 9:10



CDS Yearbooks - Order by December 9 for Best Price

Reserve your yearbook now and save \$10. 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 an order form and returning with payment (cash or checks made payable to CDS). They may also be purchased on-line at cdsthunder.com. Yearbooks purchased after December 9 will be \$50 while supplies last. Yearbook ads may be purchased separately. Yearbooks and ads are purchased on separate order forms. If you have any questions about ordering yearbooks, contact Teri Ford at teriford@centraldayschool.com.

CDS Yearbook Ads—A Great Way to Create a Memory

The Central Day School yearbook is a great way for companies to promote their products and services to students and their families. Parents and grandparents may also purchase an ad to send a personal keepsake message to their child/grandchild. Any individual, company, or business purchasing a sponsorship will be given an area in the back of the book to display a message, logo, and information. The CDS Yearbook will be released in May of 2012. The following ad sizes are offered:

- Eighth page (4 ¼" W X 2 ¾" H) - \$50
- Quarter page (4 ¼" W X 5 ½" H) - \$75
- Half page (8 ½" W X 5 ½" H) \$100 - The ½ page space is reserved for 8th grade parents only.

Ads will be composed at no additional charge. You will receive a proof copy of your ad before the yearbook goes to print. We must receive approval before the ad will be printed, so parents will be required to respond promptly to proof approvals. Logos may be submitted in jpeg format by emailing it to the yearbook editor, Jenny Asbury at jennyasbury@centraldayschool.com or you may send logo and/or copy the school office in an envelope to the attention of Jenny Asbury. Please do not staple logo or business card to this form - staples might leave holes or tear artwork. To print the ad order form, go to the centraldayschool.com homepage and click on CDS Yearbook Ad Form.

Bookfair Notes

Thanks to all who attended the B & N Bookfair and made purchases to support CDS. Also, thanks to our team of parents who helped make the event a success with nearly 200 students and their families attending. Our terrific volunteers were Michelle Forsythe, Heather Riley, Cassie Turner, Tabitha Curtis, Trisha Walker, Dyann Loudermilk, Kellye Ganier, Shirley Bethea, Wuday and Aaron Thomas, Jennifer Mueller, Lisa Rodriguez and Dana Whitworth. If your child did not attend the Monday night event night, but you made a purchase during the Bookfair days so your child could receive an out of uniform day, send your receipt with the CDS ID # to the school no later than Friday.



Geography Bee Winners

Earlier this month, CDS held its first Geography Bee for grades 5-8. The winners will advance to compete at ACSI District bee ECS in the spring. Congratulations everyone!

- 5th grade: Cale Schueler, Audra Alpha, Jake Sisson, Ethan Bowles, alternate – Caroline Harris
- 6th grade: Hunter Chambers, Chloe Payne, Matthew Mihalko, Dwight Moore, alternate – Danny Jones
- 7th grade: Megan Leslie, Rachel Mihalko, Aaron Jones, Carter Wardlow, alternate – Allison Turner
- 8th grade: Joseph Igoni, Joshua Moss, Sherrie Pak, Alex Jaehn, alternate – Kortney Cardin



Kindergarten Basketball Registration Now Underway

Sign-ups are underway for kindergarten basketball. The early registration discount deadline is Wednesday, November 30. The registration fee of \$100 will be discounted by \$15 until that date. After November 30, the fee will be \$100. Final deadline to register is December 7.

Middle School Exam Schedule

Middle schoolers will be taking semester exams the mornings of December 7, 8, and 9. In the afternoon students will have study halls and specialty classes. Students in performing arts will also have rehearsals. In the past students have been allowed to check out, but this year we would like all students to stay for the afternoon classes. Your child will receive a copy of the exam schedule this week. The exam schedule can be seen later this week in your child's digital locker or on the home page of centraldayschool.com.



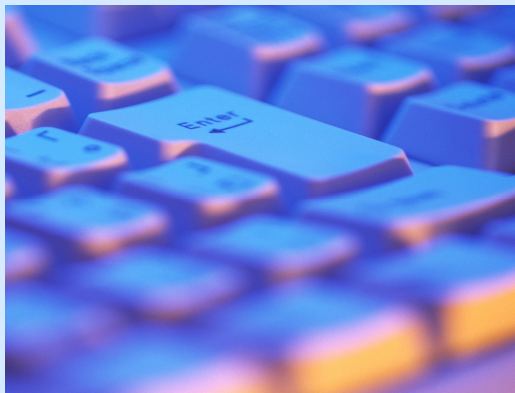
Mark Your Calendar for the Candy Cane Gram Sale Starting Next Week

The Student Council will begin selling Candy Cane Grams next week. A Candy Cane Gram is a candy cane with a note attached that wishes the recipient a "Merry Christmas" from the sender, personalized with names. Candy Cane Grams can be purchased individually or as a class set.

Instant Messages by Cheryl Gradone-cherylbgradone@yahoo.com

Make a Buddy

Our family was growing still. Number five was on the way! Sunday mornings were challenging with all the work involved getting four kids ready and out the door on time for church. At this point we had a twelve-year-old, a ten-year-old, a six-year-old, and a one-year-old. Not only did they need to be ready on time, but they had to be dressed appropriately for church and eat breakfast. Dressing appropriately and getting dressed on time often caused times of disagreement which would ultimately lead to rushing to the van with not such “Christian” attitudes. Not only did we want our kids to look decent for church, but I was not going to feed any criticism, real or imagined, about our large family by being late for church. I wanted to be an example that a large family could actually be on time for church! I was not going to let having a large and growing family be an excuse for showing up thirty minutes late for church! If anything, I wanted to be early! The reserved seats for families were in the back row and I needed one row of seats for my family and they were taken quickly. Besides, our pastor, being the fatherly pastor that he was, would most definitely point us out (in a humorous and loving way, of course) for being late. It would not be me mentioned lovingly from the pulpit!



But, the task of getting everyone ready without arguments and chaos, getting food in their tummies, and getting out the door in a timely way was not going well. Once again, I cried out to the Lord for help. Not long after, the cutest idea popped into my head that changed everything. Make a buddy! On Saturday night before bedtime, I helped each child choose their outfit (especially my sons) for Sunday. Time was on our side on Saturday nights. The pressure was off. Outfits were chosen, taken into the living room where each outfit was arranged like a little person lying flat on the floor. To make it all come to life, a stuffed animal head was placed at the top to make it look like a little person, thus a little buddy was formed right before our eyes. On Sunday morning everyone (well, everyone but the twelve-year-old) headed straight to the living room to put their buddy on. I was amazed at how much fun this was and how peace settled on us instead of strife.

Going to church as a family became a pleasant experience for us all. I was so proud of my kids! We were learning to work as a team! Instead of steaming our way to church fuming from arguments, we were now able to talk together or sing along with our favorite “cassettes”. The desire of my heart was to truly have a family that glorified the Lord. I did not want to live a hypocritical life, pasting on smiles as we marched into church to worship God after a fuming ride on the way there. This kind of change does not happen by chance. I am still learning that when something in your heart does not seem right, it usually is not right. Knowing the beautiful ways of God by studying His ways is the only way to change the wrong to right. To live a life that brings peace is a life completely surrendered to a loving Father. He does not condemn. He builds up. He not only has the answers, He is the answer. Cry out to Him. He would love to give you an awesome and fun way to bring peace to your own family.

1 Corinthians 3:3 for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?

Proverbs 26:20 Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; and where there is no talebearer, strife ceases.

Way to Go!

- Fourth grader, Avery Dunavant, performed as a police officer in The Pirates of Penzance with New Day Children's Theatre at the Harrell in Collierville November 4-6. Congratulations, Avery, fantastic job!!!
- The CDS Spanish Club collected boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Way to Go!
- CDS sixth grade students are tutoring first graders in math at Oak Forest Elementary School. Great work!

If your child has an accomplishment or achievement outside of school you would like to share, email Linda Stephens at lindastephens@centraldayschool.com.

Central Church Activity Day at Incredible Pizza in Cordova for 4th—6th Graders

The Children's Ministries of Central Church will be hosting an activity day for 4th—6th graders the first day of Christmas Break, Monday, December 19 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. The cost is \$10 and includes buffet, drink and a game card. Space is limited. For more information or to register your child by December 12 click this link www.x9solutions.com/e/register/681.

Central Church's Wednesday Night Shockwave (K - 3rd grade) and Live Wire(4th - 6th grade) will not be meeting until Jan.18.