



# CENTRAL DAY SCHOOL INFORMER

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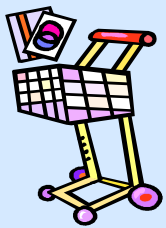
## Mark Your Calendar - No School on Monday, November 7

Monday, November 7, is a Teacher In-Service Day and students will be out of school. CDS teachers will be attending an Association of Christian Schools conference at SBEC.



## Thank You PTF Sponsors!

Thanks to the efforts of our parents, teachers, staff and supporters we were able to raise over \$9,500 during the PTF Sponsorship Drive. Even though we were just short of our goal, we are tremendously grateful to all those who contributed. The incentive logo items will be here in a few weeks for you to enjoy! We are awarding one elementary and one middle school homeroom an off-campus lunch at CiCi's because they were the two classes with the highest percentage of participation. Congratulations to Mrs. Blackwell's class and Ms. Taylor-Hodum's class for earning the off-campus pizza lunches! Mrs. Blackwell and Ms. Taylor-Hodum will also receive a gift card to Carrabba's. All students whose parents made donations will be able to participate in an out of uniform day on Thursday, November 10. The three families who will receive 4 front row seats to the Christmas and Spring programs are the Mihalkos, the Moores and Gitters.



## Thanksgiving Food Drive

God calls us to serve those in need, and the need for food in our community is so great. On Wednesday, October 26, we will kick off our annual food drive to collect canned and non-perishable items for Thanksgiving baskets. We hope to provide assistance to needy families in the Collierville community as well as the greater Memphis area. Our goal is to provide families with a nutritious assortment of food. Central Learning Center families, CDS families, and families of Parent's Day Out and Preschool will join forces to accomplish this goal. We will collect food from October 26 until November 11.

Last year we were able to provide baskets for more than 50 families. Additional food and money collected went to the Collierville Food Pantry and some was distributed through Central Church. The rest was used to make baskets for needy families in the Memphis area. The Community Services Agency of Shelby County (CSA) coordinates this distribution through inner-city churches. Items such as peanut butter, macaroni and cheese box dinners, cereal, soups, pasta, rice, canned meats, and canned fruits and vegetables are most needed. We also need staple items such as flour, sugar, corn meal, biscuit mix, and cornbread mix. **Please make sure items are "in date"**. We will gladly accept any non-perishable items or cash donations. 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 1/2 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. As always, thank you for your support and cooperation as we help needy families in our community.



## Lunch Ordering Deadline for November Extended

**The deadline to order lunches for November is Wednesday, October 26.** Lunches are ordered and paid for in advance. Lunch may be paid for on-line through e-giving or paid in the school office. Lunches cannot be served unless paid in advance.



## Photos Needed for CDS Yearbook

The CDS yearbook is a photographic keepsake of your child's school year. The yearbook will be approximately 72 full-color pages of pictures bound in a custom hard cover. The yearbook will be edited by Jenny Asbury, our PE assistant. If you have taken photos of field trips, classroom activities or school events, we would love to be able to consider them for the yearbook. Please email them to Mrs. Asbury at [jennyasbury@centraldayschool.com](mailto:jennyasbury@centraldayschool.com). Look for details about ordering yearbooks coming soon.



## Goodies with Grandparents

CDS cordially invites all grandparents of CDS student 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@centraldayschool.com](mailto:teriford@centraldayschool.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.

**The Pep Rally before Fall Break was AWESOME! Thunder and lightning bolts filled the room!  
Thanks to the CDS Student Council and Mrs. Bradshaw for planning the event!**

## Volunteers are Needed to Serve as PTF Parent Pals

PTF Parent Pal Coordinator, Trisha Walker, needs parents to volunteer to serve as Parent Pals. These are parents who help recognize the staff and specialty teachers on their birthdays, Christmas, and special events. If you are interested in serving or need additional information, please contact Trisha at [trishawalker@centurytel.net](mailto:trishawalker@centurytel.net).

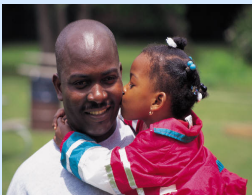


## Basketball Coaches Needed

Thanks for everyone who already volunteered to coach basketball. We are still in need of coaches for the 3/4 Girls' team and the 5/6 Girls' team. If you would like to coach or assist, please contact Mr. Spice at [johnspice@centraldayschool.com](mailto:johnspice@centraldayschool.com).

## 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. Open House dates are Sunday, November 6 from 2—4 p.m. and Tuesday, November 8 from 10-11:30 a.m. We will be sending an email later this week for parents to forward to a friend and invite to the Open Houses. For more information contact Linda Stephens at [lindastephens@centraldayschool.com](mailto:lindastephens@centraldayschool.com).



## Central Church All Pro Dad's Breakfast

CDS Dads and their kids are invited to a free breakfast on All Pro Dad's Day Tuesday, November 1 from 7:30 until 8:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All Pro Dad's Day is a monthly breakfast held before school where fathers from the community meet with other dads and kids to spend time together. They discuss a wide range of family topics, create fun memories, and strengthen relationships. The All Pro Dad organization was started by former NFL football coach, Tony Dungy. For more info see the All Pro Dad's link at [www.centraldayschool.com](http://www.centraldayschool.com). You must RSVP to attend.



## Meet Me at the River October 28-30

This exciting annual retreat for 5th and 6th graders at Shelby Forest State Park is sponsored by the Central Church Children's Ministries for children to build relationships with each other, their counselors and especially God. The cost is \$35 per child. To learn all the retreat details and register click this link <https://www.x9solutions.com/e/register/628>.

*"I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High." Psalm 9:1*

## *Time to Go*

Most everyone reading this article has small children at home. You might be wondering why I am writing about "Time to Go" today. That day may be far off in comparison to your life today with the busyness of home life. That day is coming quicker than you think. Just a few months ago, my home was full of activity with cooking meals for crowds, packing lunches for school, watching for kids to come home after their long day of school, practices, etc. This routine had been the norm for twenty-six years of my life (when you have five kids thirteen years apart it is a lot of years). All of this was drawing to an end. In all of my moments of reflection during this time, one question I asked myself was whether or not my youngest daughter was ready to leave home. Was she prepared to stand on her own? Would she be able to discern good from evil or would she get naively drawn into unknown situations? These questions became a matter of prayer. In my understanding of the Scriptures, I knew I had a responsibility to prepare all of my children for their adult years. Teaching them as children had little to do with behavior, although it is nice to have well-behaved children. It had more to do with preparation of the heart. The Scriptures talk about children being like arrows in the hands of a warrior. So, the preparation years are more like shaping arrows that will fly straight to the target. The last few weeks of my daughter's life at home I woke up daily with powerful words to speak to her. I know these words came from Jesus.



One of the first things I told her was that naivety was dangerous, and we were going to have conversations about a lot of potential dangers she would face when she was away from me. The place she would need to be was in a position of purity and innocence. This meant that she would need to know the dangers and temptations in the world but choose to resist them. I did not want her to get tangled up naively in a mess when I could easily tell her the dangers. What is so amazing about this is that by telling her the truth she is now armed with knowledge and awareness. I am praying daily here at home!!! She goes to school in a dangerous area of Dallas! But, I am not afraid. She is not afraid. I must tell you that this kind of relationship did not spring up overnight. From her childhood I have been in the habit of having meaningful discussions with her as the Lord has put words in my heart to speak and as situations came up where strong encouragement in the Lord was necessary. The temptation for me was to ignore those words and to consider them as insignificant. God has a perfect plan for shaping arrows that will fly straight: talk to your children throughout every part of your day, each and every day as the opportunities to speak occur. (This is not the kind of talking that is a lecture!) If your ears are open to hear

what the Lord is saying, you will be amazed at what things He wants to tell you for your children's sake. Have I been able to tell her everything? Absolutely not! But, the relationship I have with her will allow her to open up to me about everything going on in her life. I have become a safe haven for her. She knows how much I love God's Word and how I have made it my aim to stay daily in it to be prepared for whatever battle might arise in her life. Not only am I daily in the Word, but she is also committing herself to God's Word and finding that it is the only reliable source for help. It is truly our daily bread. How can you feed your children if you have not prepared any dinner? You cannot. Mom, Dad, get prepared! Your child is growing up quickly. Will they be ready when it is "time to go"?

### ***Deuteronomy 6:4-7***

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*

### ***Psalms 127:4***

*Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth.*

### **Teaching Hearts Training Minds, Starr Meade**

### **Devotions for the Children's Hour, Kenneth Nathaniel Taylor**



## **THUNDER Sports News**

### **Cross Country results for 10/11:**

5/6 Girls—Team placed 5th with Karen Williams placing 8th out of 59 runners

5/6 Boys —Team placed 6th with Jesse Brawner placing 20th out of 60 runners

7/8 Boys—Michael Waldrup finished 9th out of 53 runners

Thanks to coaches, Lindsey Ammend and Dana Whitworth, and all the parents for their support.

**Volleyball :** Congratulations to the 5/6 and 7/8 volleyball teams who both enjoyed great seasons with Katie and Andrew Hendrick coaching the teams.

## **Way To Go!**

Congratulations to Will Douglass whose soccer team, the Collierville '00 Cougars Blue, placed second in their division this past weekend at the Wolf River Classic soccer tournament.

*We like to share the news of CDS students' accomplishments. If your child has received special recognition at a non-school sponsored event or activity, email the news to Linda Stephens at [lindastephens@centraldayschool.com](mailto:lindastephens@centraldayschool.com).*

## First Honor Roll for the First Quarter

*In order to qualify for first honor roll, a student must make all A's in core subjects and cannot make a grade below "S" in an ungraded class and no conduct grade below "S". Honor Roll for first grade begins second semester.*

### **Second Grade:**

*Taylor Bilderback, Ryan Bowles, Alexis Ellis, Jackson Ford, Madison Frey, Shamir Harper, Katherine Harris, Clara Hickerson, Charlotte Mangum, Michelle Mihalko, Carter Nelson, Hannah Thomas, Taylor Paige Waltz, Cage Warmuth, Peighton Wilkins, Muahn Yogar, Zachary Zmudzinski*

### **Third Grade:**

*Hayden Amazon, Abby Bratton, Jeffery Cambra, Ressie Carr, Joy Gordon, Kylan Hebron, Jaylen Hughes, Lauren Igoni, Joanne Kwak, Grayson Marable, Matthew McKenzie, Emily Morgan, Ashlyn Mueller, Erika Ortiz, Tyler Pegues, Elizabeth Raine, Nathaniel Rodriguez, Jennifer Ruffin, Joshua Smith*

### **Fourth Grade:**

*Alex Alden, Christian Carmical, Tate Charping, Laura Cherry, Megan Cole, Autumn Conway, Avery Dunavant, Anderson Ford, Landon Ford, Myles Macklin, Spencer McKnight, Lacey Mendius, Nadia Spann, McKeelan Tabb, Honey Vincent, Lydia Walker, Maya Warmuth*

### **Fifth Grade:**

*Alexandra Martin, Jordan Moss, Eden Yuksel*

**Sixth Grade:** *Brett Amazon, Alexandria Bennett, Colton Binkley, Lauren Dones, Meredith Frey, Matthew Mihalko, Dwight Moore, Chloe Payne, Rana Rad, Rasa Rad*

### **Seventh Grade:**

*Abigail McKnight, Allie Turner*

### **Eighth Grade:**

*Keely Cox, Maya Easter, Sherrie Pak*

## Second Honor Roll for the First Quarter

*In order to qualify for second honor roll a student must make all A's and one B in core subjects and cannot make a grade below "S" in an ungraded class and no conduct grade below "S".*

### **Second Grade:**

*Ethan Browning, Ryan Curtis, Colton Ganier, Haylie Hodges, Gabrielle Huffman, Joe Thomas*

### **Third Grade:**

*Jake Gitter, Mallory Patrick, Will Riley, Brett Schueler*

### **Fourth Grade:**

*Laughlin Aschenbrenner, Emma Leslie, Jada Millen, Ruby Morgan, Jade Smith, Amber Weir*

### **Fifth Grade:**

*Ethan Bowles, Matthew Koch, Paige Palmer*

### **Sixth Grade:**

*Hunter Chamber, Evyn Graham, Sadie Haentzler, Richmond Jeffers, Kaylee Mosley*

### **Seventh Grade:**

*Kobe Gibson, Dana Kebschull, Rachel Mihalko, Rachel Walker*

### **Eighth Grade:**

*Caroline Green, Kayla Johnson, Ryan Patterson, Michael Swift*

***Congratulations on Your Outstanding Academic Achievement!***