

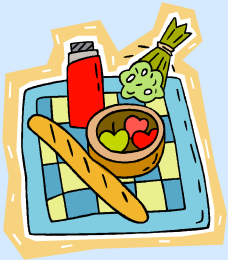


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PTF Welcome Back Picnic, Sunday, September 18th

Grab a blanket, bring dinner and beverages for your family, and enjoy fun and fellowship with your CDS family on the church/school grounds on Sunday afternoon, September 18 from 4:30—6:30 p.m. There will be music, games, face painting, and other surprise treats for the kids. The homeroom with the highest percentage of students in attendance will receive a treat later in the month compliments of PTF. Need more info? Contact the PTF Coordinators, Lisa Rodriguez at lisa@bretrodriguez.com or Dana Whitworth at dduke44@aol.com

PTF Annual Sponsorship Drive Kickoff

In today's Informer are all the details about this year's annual CDS-PTF Sponsorship Drive. This is THE major fundraiser for the PTF which helps fund numerous school programs. Last year the CDS-PTF offered parents, grandparents, and friends of the school an opportunity to become a CDS-PTF Sponsor for the first time. Because it was such a success with sponsors donating more than \$10,000, we're doing it again this year! Here's your opportunity to show your Thunder spirit! Simply pick out the sponsorship level that best suits your family, fill out the form, and send in your donation with your form. For your donation, you will be able to proudly show your CDS spirit with the logo incentive items awarded for your designated sponsorship level. **Students of all sponsors will receive an out of uniform day for any donation.** If we reach this year's goal of \$10,000, the entire school will celebrate with a jeans day! **Anyone who turns in the form and donation by this Friday, Sept. 16, at 3:30 p.m. will be eligible for a drawing for one of four \$50 Dennis/Larose gift cards to be given away at the Welcome Back Picnic.** The funds raised will help enhance your child's educational experience as well as promote school pride. As with any fundraiser, participation is optional. **September 30 is the deadline to make a donation and receive the logo incentive items.**



School Pictures Sent Home Today



Check your child's Informer folder/envelope or ask your middle schooler about their school pictures that were sent home today. Pricing for the pictures is included with the proof. Checks should be made payable to Holland Studios. The deadline to order pictures is Friday, September 23. If your child was absent on picture day or you are not happy with your proof, retakes are scheduled for October 4. You will need to return the proof with note requesting a retake. If you have any questions, contact Teri Ford at teriford@centraldayschool.com.



Central Church Bulletin

Have you noticed the Central Church bulletin in your child's Informer folder/envelope? Since CDS is a ministry of Central Church, we thought you might want to know what Central's all about. You and your family are always welcome to any of the events offered at Central—worship services, Sunday school, Bible studies, support groups, workshops, dinners, aerobics classes and more! To get more details, browse through the church website at www.centralchurch.com. Check out what's going on and come join in!



Lunch Ordering Deadline for October

The deadline to order lunches for October is September 25. 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.

"He who is slow to anger has great understanding." Proverbs 19:21



THUNDER Sports News

Cross Country results for 9/8:

5/6 Girls—Team placed 5th with Karen William placing 6th out of 65 runners
5/6 Boys –Team placed 7th with Jesse Brawner placing 16th out of 62 runners
7/8 Boys—Michael Waldrup placed 7th out of 64 runners

Volleyball Results:

Volleyball results for 9/10:

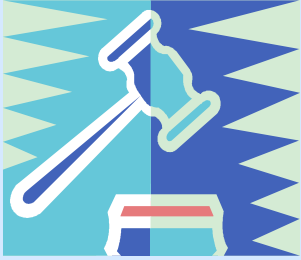
5/6 vs Immaculate Conception - CDS won
7/8 vs Bishop Byrne - CDS won

Volleyball results for 9/12:

5/6 vs St. Francis - CDS won
7/8 vs Memphis Catholic - CDS won

Golf Results:

The players are showing good improvement at each match.



Student Council Elections

CDS offers the opportunity for students in grades 4—8 to develop leadership skills, a heart for service, and good character by serving as a Student Council classroom representative or officer. Student Council members also promotes school spirit by sponsoring a pep rally each semester. Through service activities, students also raise funds to support the school in various ways. The Student Council is sponsored by Mrs. Bradshaw, fifth homeroom teacher. The following dates are important to keep in mind for students interested in participating in Student Council:

Election of Representatives (Grades 4—8)

Sept. 13-Sept. 23 - Students may pick up an application for office from their homeroom teacher or school website

Sept. 15 - Grades 4 and 5 get information and questions answered during Chapel

Sept. 20 – Grades 6– 8 get information and questions answered during Chapel

Sept. 26-30 –Campaign week in classrooms for representatives

Sept. 30 - Elections for classroom representatives in homeroom (Grades 7-8 elect 4 from each grade, Grades 4-6 elect 2 from each homeroom). Winners will be announced in each room before dismissal.

Duke University Talent Identification Program

We are happy to announce that sixteen seventh grade students have been invited by Duke University to participate in the Duke Talent Identification Program (TIP). The students were selected to take either the ACT or SAT college entrance exam based on their Stanford Achievement Test scores from the spring of the sixth grade year. In order to qualify, a student must have scored at least a 95 percentile in a core subject area. The intent of the program is to identify and recognize students at the middle school level who demonstrate academic excellence and provide opportunities for future scholastic advancement as well as potential college scholarship awards. This year, sixteen out of 26 students qualified to participate in the program. That is over sixty percent of the class! Congratulations to this year participants:

Christian Bryan, Kobe Gibson, Shannon Griffin, Kennedy Johnson, Dana Kebschull, Megan Leslie, Abigail McKnight, Rachel Mihalko, Kourtnei Neely, Alexander Rodriguez, Luke Schueler, Tay Thomas, Allison Turner, Rachel Walker, Carter Wardlow, and Erin Weinhold

WOW! Check out Wednesday Night for Kids at Central . . .

SHOCKWAVE for Kindergartners—third graders in Room 252 meets from **6:30—8:00**

LiVE WiRE for 4- 6th graders in Room 112 (aka the Submarine Room) meets from **6:30—8:00**



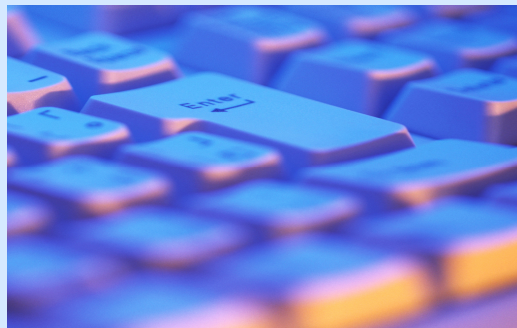
Central Church Meet Me at the River Retreat for 5th & 6th Graders

The 5th & 6th grade retreat is coming up fast. Meet Me at the River is an exciting three day retreat where kids build relationships with each other, their counselors and especially God. It is offered and led by the Children's Ministries of Central Church. The dates of the retreat are Friday, October 28 - Sunday, October 30. Registration and more information available on the church website, www.centralchurch.com.

Instant Messages by Cheryl Gradone

Make the Bed with One Eye Open

Many times it is thought that obedience to the Lord is doing some great thing like going to Africa or leading a neighbor to Jesus. But, did you ever consider that it is in the most common times in daily life that we often fail to obey the Lord? You may wonder why you are not experiencing “life abundantly” while the chaos surrounding you is overshadowing the moments of your life. Did you know that truly it is in the mundane, daily routines of life that you must choose to obey the Lord, especially with your family at home during the morning school rush hour or the evening homework hour? This was a lesson that I had to learn and it started a very long time ago. I was slow to learn the lessons the Lord was trying to teach me. The good news is: I finally got it! Now I am learning to perfect obedience in those daily, mundane times. It is exciting to hear the Lord’s voice, take the step of faith to act on it and then see that He was right. That is abundant life! His ways are perfect and produce great fruit: peace, joy, self-control, patience, gentleness, love, faith, goodness, kindness! One of those daily, mundane choices for me was making the bed. Most days, in the early years of our marriage, J.P. came home from work to the same situation: dishes piled in the sink, stacks of laundry untouched, undisciplined children, and a bed that had not been made. I was drowning in these daily choices, or I should say, not making the choices.



J.P. was helpful, but he had just worked a 12 hour day. Couldn’t I at least get the bed made? It never did get made. Until, one morning I got one of those “instant messages” from the Lord. “Why don’t you and J.P. make the bed together?” What? That had to be the voice of the Lord because that thought had never gone through my mind before. It was so simple. I turned to J.P. and asked him if he would help me make the bed. (He came from a home where the beds were made 365 days a year!) He agreed. It may seem small to you, but that day began a new habit that has continued from that day to this. And, even when J.P. traveled for years being gone so many nights a week, I rarely left my bed unmade. Some of you may have already conquered this small task in your life, but for me, it was monumental! The point really is that it is obedience in the small things that make for a sweet life at home. It is the daily choices in our conversations, in our mannerisms, and in our thoughts that will make “life abundantly” a reality. A couple of years ago, on one of those crazy school mornings, I was preparing breakfast for my family when I dropped a bowl of almonds.

The bowl broke and the almonds scattered everywhere. That particular morning I was a nervous wreck because I was leaving for a month and was trying to get prepared to leave my family. When I got down on my knees to clean up the mess, I felt like I was about to lose my temper. I heard the Lord whisper in my ear that I could choose in this moment to walk in love by simply relaxing and cleaning up the mess or cause a war by somehow blaming everyone in the family for my nervous state of mind. I thank the Lord that He helped me choose His way, the way of love. Since I was already on my knees, I prayed for His help. He answered. Breakfast was a sweet moment for everyone. Yes! This is abundant life in Jesus!

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I (Jesus) came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person.

1 John 2:3-6 By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; 5 but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: 6 the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

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Looking Ahead . . .

September

- 13 - Godly Girls Bible Study Begins for Grades 6—8, 7:30 a.m.
- 15 - National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 8:30 a.m.
- 16 - PTF Sponsorship Drive-Deadline to be Eligible for Drawing for Dennis Gift Cards
- 18 - PTF Welcome Back Picnic on the Church Grounds, 4:30—6:30
- 30 - PTF Sponsorship Drive - Deadline for Incentive Awards

October

- 4—Picture Make-Up Day
- 13—Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 14— School Spirit Day
- 17—21-Fall Break