



# CENTRAL DAY SCHOOL INFORMER

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## Family Chapel, This Friday 8:30 a.m.

Join us in praying for our country and its leaders and honoring those who serve to protect our cities and nation at Family Chapel on Friday, September 9. Collierville Mayor, Stan Joyner and representatives of the local police and fire departments are expected to attend as our special guests. Parents should drop off your child in car line as usual, then come to the Worship Center for Family Chapel beginning at 8:30 a.m. The program will be a Day of Remembrance commemorating the 10th anniversary of September 11. Central's Pastor Ernie Frey will share a challenge with students and parents. Parents who serve as first responders, fire fighters, police officers, or in the military are asked to wear their uniform to the chapel. Everyone's welcome!

## PTF Annual Sponsorship Drive Kickoff



Check your child's Informer folder/envelop today for the details about our 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 enclosed in today's Informer 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! Don't miss the uniform gift card incentives too! The funds raised will help enhance your child's educational experience as well as promote school pride. As with any fundraiser, participation is optional.



## PTF Welcome Back Picnic, Sunday, September 18th

Pack up your picnic basket—or pick up McDonald's, grab a blanket, and enjoy dinner on the grounds on Sunday afternoon, September 18 from 4:30—6:30 p.m. with your CDS family. There will be live praise music, games, and lots of fun and fellowship. Need more info? Contact Lisa Rodriguez at [lisa@bretrodriguez.com](mailto:lisa@bretrodriguez.com) or Dana Whitworth at [dduke44@aol.com](mailto:dduke44@aol.com)



## Godly Girls Bible Study

Girls in grades 6—8 are invited to join Godly Girls Bible Study. It's a great way to learn about God and make new friends! The first Bible Study will be on Tuesday, Sept. 13th at 7:30 a.m. in the Art/Spanish Room. Just fill out the form and send it in with \$10 for the devotional book by Friday, September 9. If you have any questions, please call Meredith Frey or her Mom Anne at 337-8546.



## Central Church Scout Troop

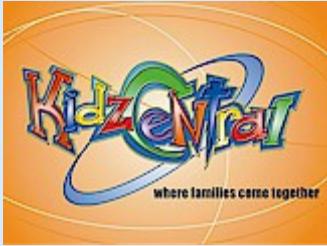
Central Church sponsors a Cub Scout Troop for boys in grades 1-5. Boys are invited to the kickoff meeting for Scouts on September 6 in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.

*"Many plans are made in man's mind, but it is the Lord's purpose for him that will stand."  
Proverbs 19:21*



## Moms In Touch Weekly Meetings Begin This Wednesday

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.**



## KidzCentral This Wednesday, 5:50 p.m.

Central Day School families are invited to KidzCentral this Wednesday from 5:50-6:50 p.m. in the Worship Center. Each month KidzCentral, an entertaining, fast-paced program presented by the Children's Ministries, explores a different virtue. This month's virtue is KNOWLEDGE. KidzCentral is designed for kindergarten—6th graders and their parents to worship and learn together in a virtue driven worship service featuring cool music and zany characters. Parents remain with children during the program. You won't want to miss it! The check out the other activities for kids at 7:00 p.m.

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

**SHOCKWAVE** for Kindergartners—third graders in Room 252 meets from 7:00—8:30

**LiVE WiRE** for 4- 6th graders in Room 112 (aka the Submarine Room) meets from 7:00—8:30



## 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](mailto:annefrey@centralchurch.com).



## National Junior Honor Society

Congratulations to the seventh grade students who have met the requirements of the Central Day School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society—a 93 cumulative GPA, service towards God and others, demonstration of leadership, and extra-curricular involvement. These students will be inducted in a ceremony on September 15 at 8:30 a.m. in the Worship Center. Parents and grandparent of the inductees are invited to attend. The inductees for the 2011-2012 school year are: Kobe Gibson, Shannon Griffin, Kennedy Johnson, Dana Kebschull, Megan Leslie, Abigail McKnight, Rachel Mihalko, Kourtnei Neely, Alexander Rodriguez, Rachel Walker, Carter Wardlow and Erin Weinhold.



## 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](mailto:jeanbrunson@centralchurch.com) or call 492-1627.



## THUNDER Sports News

The boys golf team participated in their first match last week. Barkari Kountz and Aaron Jones are teaming up with Macon Road Baptist to comprise the team. Go THUNDER golfers!

## Instant Messages by Cheryl Gradone

### *What's for Dinner?*

Adjusting to the newness of marriage and motherhood was overwhelming me on a daily basis. The beds were never made, the dishes sat in the sink most of the day and what I would cook for dinner never crossed my mind. I simply went from moment to moment making off-the-cuff choices. Those choices were usually short-sighted as to the long-term affect they were having on my growing family. J.P. came from a traditional Italian family. His mother was the most organized woman I had ever met. She was a godly woman and I thank God for her. Truthfully, she was quite intimidating even though she was the exact role model I needed. I could not begin to compare myself with her. I was not in her league! J.P.'s parents came twice a year to visit us for two weeks. I spent three weeks getting ready for her! Once she came we never stopped during the day. She and I went from one house cleaning project to another. She was bound and determined to train me to be the kind of wife her son needed. At the time, I saw no value in what she was trying to accomplish in my chaotic world. As soon as she left I knew I would revert back to my own ways. I never stopped to notice that while she was in my house it was clean and tidy and my children so calm. When J.P. and I were first married, her aim was to teach me how to cook Italian. Every time they came I learned a new family favorite. She cooked; I watched.



We were married only four months when she came for two whole weeks for the sole purpose of teaching me how to make Gradone Family Meatballs and Gravy (spaghetti sauce) and homemade pasta. After all of this, I still had not learned the importance of taking the time to plan family dinners which was another reason why my home had been so chaotic. On one of these visits she and I had been busy with projects all day when five o'clock rolled around suddenly. She asked me what we were having for dinner. I had not thought one minute about it. Naturally, the kids were hungry and crying and dinner was not even purchased, let alone cooked. What an embarrassing moment! Of course, I had to run to the grocery store right then, think of something to make, and go home and cook it in the presence of my near-perfect mother-in-law. This was a lesson I never forgot. It was not long after, that I found a meal planner which helped me get organized. In the big scheme of life, it might not seem so important to have meals planned and ready to serve on time, but at five o'clock on any given day it makes a huge difference in how sweet life can be.

I've been cooking almost every night for thirty-two years. I must confess that this has been one of the bedrocks of our family especially during the years that J.P. traveled and was gone three to four nights a week. "What's for dinner?" has become the most important question at our house now that the kids return home for the holidays or for a weekend visit. What was once a huge area of weakness in my life has become the center of some of the best family memories. Not only did we enjoy those delicious Italian family favorites, but we established a great mode for the "family table" where we discussed various issues: music lessons, practice schedules, who needs the car, and, when we had to announce big changes in the family plus family Bible reading. Even now that all of our children have flown the nest, J.P. looks forward to coming home to a delicious home-cooked meal, Mama Gradone style!

Life is sweet!

Proverbs 31:15, 25-28

<sup>15</sup> She gets up before dawn to prepare breakfast for her household and plan the day's work for her servant girls.

<sup>25</sup> She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future.

<sup>26</sup> When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness.

<sup>27</sup> She carefully watches everything in her household and suffers nothing from laziness.

<sup>28</sup> Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her:

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## Looking Ahead . . .

### September

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

### October

7—Fire Prevention Program

13—Parent Teacher Conferences

14— School Spirit Day

17—21—Fall Break