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Countdown to Christmas!

November 2008



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Each day your son or daughter leaves for school and you trust he/she is receiving a good education. At Central, we take this trust seriously and are working to ensure the needs of your children are met. The Ministry of Education has developed a "Blueprint for Learning" that outlines four pillars for learning. To actualize Blueprint Goals our staff have been working hard at aligning their goals with Ministry and School Division expectations with a focus centered clearly on student achievement.

Our focus in November and December centers on Student Learning Outcomes. Outcomes frame the big learning ideas for students so they clearly see the intended learning target. While this sounds basic, this practice "...produces a gain of between 18 percent to 41 percent in student learning." (Marzano, 2006, p.93). Students should be able to clearly articulate about what they are learning and how what they do each day fits into the big picture context.

Perhaps we will finally be able to have our kids answer the question, "What did you learn in school today?" with something other than, "Nothing"!

AWARDS DAY

We invite you to our Academic Awards' Day on Wednesday, December 3rd beginning at 11:15 am in the school gymnasium. During this celebration we will recognize those students who have achieved honour roll status and who have met criteria for various awards and scholarships. Please mark this date on your calendar as we would love to have you in attendance.



WELCOME!

We are pleased to welcome Ms. Jenn Wiens and Mrs. Chelsea Osask back to our staff! Ms. Wiens will be teaching History 10, English Language Arts 10 and Arts Education 90 and Mrs. Osask is teaching Grade 9 Math. Mrs. Osask was a part of Central's staff in the fall of 2006 when she taught Math and Science for one term. Ms. Wiens completed her internship at Central Collegiate in the fall of 2007 and has recently been teaching in Chaplin.

Ms. Wiens and Mrs. Osask are excited to be part of our school and look forward to working with our students.

♪ UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS ♪

Central Collegiate's Concert Choir, Vocal Jazz and Jazz Band will be performing at the Rotary Festival of Carols at Zion United Church on Tuesday, December 9th. The Festival begins at 7:30 with the Jazz Band as the pre-concert entertainment at 7:00.



CCI's first annual "Christmas Coffee House Concert" will be held Thursday, December 11th at 4:30 p.m. in Central's gymnasium. This concert features the Concert Choir, Vocal Jazz and the Jazz Band.

Please mark these events on your calendar. We hope to see you there!

THANK YOU!



Thank you to Mrs. Holzer for her work with our Mathletes. This group of math-minded students meets once each week at lunch to engage in a variety of math activities designed to increase their math understanding and problem-solving skills.

Appreciation also goes out to Allison Shillington, Kayla Lindgren and Yasmina Lemieux for their work with our Cheerleading Team. They have been working hard with a contingent of girls since September in preparation for various cheerleading tournaments.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Mr. Rawlyk bought a new pair of socks at Wal-Mart on Tuesday, November 11th. If you meet him in the hallway, be sure to ask to see them.



Please visit us @ www.centralcollegiate.ca for up to the minute CCI news.

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CENTRAL COLLEGIATE SCHOOL CALENDAR

Semester One 2008-2009

Friday, November 14 Report Card Two Issued
 Friday, November 21 Professional Learning Community Meeting
 No classes
 Wednesday, December 3 Academic Awards, 11:15 in the gym
 Friday, December 5 Professional Learning Community Meeting
 No classes
 Friday, December 19 Last Day of Classes—2:30 dismissal
 Monday, January 5 Classes Resume
 Wednesday, January 21 Last Day of Classes for Semester One
 Thursday, January 22 Semester One Exams Begin
 Tuesday, January 27 Semester One Exams Conclude
 Wednesday, January 28 School Based In-service—no classes

Monday, February 23 Classes Resume
 Wednesday, March 18 Report Card Four Issued
 Friday, March 20 Professional Learning Community Meeting
 No classes
 Friday, March 27 Teacher Convention—no classes
 Thursday, April 2 Parent-Teacher Interviews (6:30—8:30 p.m.)
 Friday, April 3 Parent-Teacher Interviews (9:00 to noon)
 No classes all day
 Friday, April 10 Good Friday Holiday
 Mon. to Fri., Apr. 13 to 17 Easter Holidays (no classes)
 Monday, April 20 Classes Resume
 Friday, April 24 All Schools Dance
 Wednesday, May 6 Report Card Five Issued
 Monday, May 18 Victoria Day Holiday
 Thursday, June 18 Last Day of Classes for Semester Two
 Friday, June 19 Semester Two Exams Begin
 Wednesday, June 24 Semester Two Exams Conclude
 Wednesday, June 24 Report Card Six Issued
 Friday, June 26 Graduation—Cap & Gown Ceremony
 Saturday, June 27 Graduation—Grand March, Banquet, After Grad.

Semester Two 2008–2009

Thursday, January 29 **Semester Two Begins, 8:40 (Day 1)**
 Friday, January 30 Report Card Three Issued
 Friday, February 6 Professional Learning Community Meeting
 No classes
 Monday, February 16 Family Day Holiday
 Tues. to Fri., February 17 to 20 Spring Break

MATH TEAM NEWS

CCI's two math teams had a great kickoff to our year at Math Camp at the U of R in September. Since then, the Senior Mathletes have been practicing once a week on Tuesdays at lunch. They are currently entered in the Canadian Math League High School Contests, which are held once each month for six months across North America. As well, several of our grade 12s will be writing the Sun Life Financial Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge next week. The Junior Mathletes have only met a couple of times this fall, and will meet more regularly after Christmas, as their contests are held February through May. If your child has an interest in problem solving, please encourage them to join one of our teams!



SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Central Collegiate School Community Council election took place on October 29, 2008. The council for the 2008-2009 year is Helen Ryan - Chair, Dave Moore—Vice-Chair, Brenda Moore—Secretary, Karen Dixon—Treasurer and members at large—Andrea Gervais, Alana Parker and Rob Parker. The next School Community Council meeting will be held Wednesday, December 3 in the Meeting Room at 5:30 p.m. Supper will be provided.

CCI CLOTHING

Are you looking for a special Christmas gift for someone in your family? Why not some Central Clothing? You can choose from 3 different hoodies, 2 colors of sweat pants, shorts, t-shirts and caps. The order forms are available in the school office or on the school website. Clothing orders are due in the office on November 21st with cheques post-dated to December 1st accepted. To ensure timely delivery, late orders will not be accepted. Confidentiality is ensured for gift orders.



EXTRA CCI CLOTHING FOR SALE

We have a few extra items available in the office—one large red bunny hug and one large black Flex-fit hat. Call or see Mrs. Parker in the office for more information.



To: Parents, Grandparents, Caregivers of Children with Type 1 Diabetes

You are invited to a meeting to discuss the possibility of starting a support group for caregivers of children with Type 1 Diabetes. The meeting will be held in the Solarium of the Union Hospital at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 2, 2008. We will discuss the purpose of the group, possible activities and direction. We hope you are able to attend!

Please join our parents' mailing list at www.centralcollegiate.ca

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