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Upcoming Events

December 8	GBB vs Nicollet	6	GBB @ Blooming Prairie
9	GBB @ Medford		CVLHS @ Faribault
11	Band Concert		American Legion
13	Board 7pm	9	GBB @ Maple River
	GBB vs USC	10	GBB @ Randolph
14	Advent Soup Supper @ Janesville		Board 7pm
15	GBB vs Loyola	12	GBB vs WEM
19	PTL 7pm	16	GBB vs St. Clair
20	GBB vs BA		PTL 7pm
20-21	Finals	17	GBB @ Loyola
22	Cookie Making & Caroling End of 2nd Quarter	20	GBB vs Medford
	GBB @ NRHEG	24	GBB @ USC
23-January 2	No School	26	GBB @ Alden-Conger
	Merry Christmas	31	GBB @ BA
29-30	GBB Tournament	February 3	GBB vs NRHEG
January 3	School Resumes		End of 3rd Midquarter
		4	Sweetheart Dinner & Dance

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German Fest 2011

Guten tag! (Greetings in German) With harvest complete and Thanksgiving close by, it seemed appropriate to host a program of Praise and Thanks. Then throw in a large population of Germans, and you have yourself a German Fest!

Cannon Valley Lutheran High School hosted the 2nd Annual German Fest on Sunday, November 13th at Trinity Lutheran in Faribault. Students read scripture, reminding us of our Father's grace and love, and of his provisions for us, His children. Familiar hymns of praise were sung, thanking Him for all He provides. Hub Cloeter led the group in German, and Elda Fuchs' harmonica solo of "Beautiful Savior" played for an engaged audience. The musical talents of Pastor & Barb Chase, Ed Stock, Aubrey Elness, Val Braun, and the CVLHS Tone Chime Choir added to an atmosphere of praise and gratitude.

Upon leaving the sanctuary while following delicious smells, guests entered the gymnasium. (continued on p. 5)

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December is a pretty joyful and celebratory month for most people. Yet when you listen to some of them talk about the month, you might wonder just what the celebration is all about. Ask them what they're celebrating. You might find out they're looking forward to the "winter" holiday break. Or they might be planning to go to a "winter" concert at the local public school. No doubt we'll all hear someone wish us a "happy holiday" this season. That seems now to be the politically correct way to talk about what goes on in December.

And yet that's not what WE understand the December holiday to be all about. Certainly winter will have arrived very soon. But our celebration is all about another arrival; the arrival of the Christ child, born in Bethlehem centuries ago. The December holiday we celebrate is Christmas. The concert that's coming up on Sunday, December 11th at Cannon Valley Lutheran is a Christmas concert (hope you're planning to come!).

We're seeing these days a concerted effort within our society to remove Jesus Christ and His birth in Bethlehem from its traditional place in our December celebrations. Here at Cannon Valley Lutheran High School, we know that Jesus Christ is what our school is all about. Here at CVLHS, we have a daily opportunity to talk about our Savior. We remember who He is, what He has done to redeem the world from sin, and what that all means for us, both as individual Christians by faith in Him, and as part of the Holy Christian Church. The Christmas season is a time of heightened excitement as we're able to remember the day Jesus came into the world as true Man and true God, to begin His mission to save all mankind from sin, death, and hell.

I believe there are a lot of high school students and high school teachers who would like to celebrate Christmas in the public schools, too. They'd like to be able to talk about a Christmas break from school, and a Christmas concert, rather than have to speak openly only about "winter" activities. Unfortunately, in the public schools, students and teachers are kept from being able to talk about Christmas by influential people far removed from local school boards, people who are among those working hard to stamp our Savior out of as many minds and hearts as they possibly can.

We are blessed at CVLHS to be able to mention our Savior openly and often every school day. We are blessed to be able this month to celebrate His birth openly in our classrooms and our conversations. We are blessed that our students can hear daily about the Christ Child...

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CVLHS Students in the Community

Habitat for Humanity & Highway 60 Cleanup: On October 27th, several CVLHS students and staff worked on the yard and helped landscape the new Habitat for Humanity house in Morristown, while the rest of the students and staff cleaned up the ditches on Highway 60 for Adopt-a-Highway.

Veterans Day Program: Mrs. Klein's history classes presented a program to area veterans on November 11th. Pastor Chase led with a patriotic devotion, student council president Kourt Remund addressed the group, and the Civics class presented a choral reading of wartime poetry. The tone chime choir performed an anthem, and Mitch Witte sang, "God Bless America."

Gift Boxes for Our Troops: Recently, CVLHS, along with students from North Morristown and volunteers from St. Peter (Bell) Lutheran Church in Waterville assembled gift boxes to be sent to US soldiers serving in Afghanistan. Items for the gift boxes were donated by Le Sueur Chapter of Thrivent.

Christmas Gifts for Area Families: In December, each class will put together a Christmas gift box for four area families. The Rice County South chapter of Thrivent has donated funds for this project.

Student Visits with Seniors: Once again this year, the junior and senior classes at CVLHS are making weekly visits to the Plum House and individuals in Morristown.

Christmas Caroling: CVLHS students and staff will be baking cookies on Thursday, December 22nd to share as they go about the communities caroling.

Giving Opportunities

As the year comes to a close, please consider these opportunities to give to CVLHS:

600 Club This fund was established to help support the existence of CVLHS, today and into the future. In choosing to give to the 600 Club, you make a commitment to give \$50 each month for 60 months, or 5 annual payments of \$600 by December 31st of each year. If you are a 600 Club member, please remember your commitment. If you'd like to become a Titans 600 Club supporter, please contact Mike Young at 330-0326 or leave a message at CVLHS at 507-685-2636.

Secret Angel This is an excellent opportunity this Christmas season to give the gift of Christian education! This is a fund set up to assist families with tuition. Donations are made anonymously. Please make your check payable to CVLHS, and note "Secret Angel Fund" on the memo line.

*All of us at Cannon Valley
Lutheran High School wish each of
you a blessed Christmas!*

Mrs. Bill Mr. Hansen

Miss Krenz Mrs. Klein

Pastor Chase Aubrey Elness

Mike Young Diane Wegner

(...continued) and remember that He came to redeem them for eternal life in heaven. We are blessed that, in our relationships together, we can declare our forgiveness to one another and show our Christian love to one another, mirroring in our meager ways the great blessings of forgiveness and love our Savior has shown for us.

May the joy which the angels declared the night of Christ's birth in the words, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men," be your joy as you celebrate something greater than winter, something greater than a happy generic holiday. On behalf of the staff and students of CVLHS, I want to wish you a very blessed CHRISTMAS.

Pastor Eugene Chase, Jr

CVLHS Board News...

We welcome two new members to the CVLHS Board of Directors: Pastor David Mumme from Trinity, Waterville, and Gail Carver! Please note a change in meetings dates: the board will now be meeting the second **Tuesday** of every month. Delegates, pastors, and the public are invited to all meetings. The December board meeting will be Tuesday, December 13th, at 7:00pm at CVLHS.

Automatic Withdrawals:

We were recently approached by an individual who wanted to give to CVLHS monthly and automatically. This is possible!

Just go to your personal bank to initiate the transfer and complete necessary forms.

You will need CVLHS's phone number (**507-685-2636**) and address (**PO Box 346, Morristown, MN 55052**).

Your bank will contact CVLHS to complete your request.

It's that easy! If you have any questions, please call Mike Young at 330-0326, or the school at 507-685-2636.

From the Development Director

Who would have guessed the greatest gift for all mankind would have been a package delivered to us in a stable, wrapped in swaddling clothes, an infant so meek and mild?

Gifts come in many shapes and sizes, and as I reflect on the past year, I can attest to this. At CVLHS, we have been gifted time and time again. Your donations, large or small, are truly a gift, and we are thankful for your generosity. Your volunteering of time, lending a helping hand, expressing a kind word, sharing a talent, and participating in an event—these are all gifts, and as a result, the opportunity to provide a Christian education to our youth.

Has CVLHS introduced a child to Christ? Has CVLHS reinforced Christian beliefs and strengthened one's foundation? I believe so. Ultimately, I pray that all will receive that wonderful gift provided by the Christ child...that gift of everlasting life!

Praying for each of you a blessed Christmas,
Mike Young

Give To the Max! Day

Thank you for the overwhelming response: \$7,890 was raised for CVLHS in just 24 hours! Give To the Max! Day is a day to recognize Minnesota non-profit organizations; a day to rally support and raise awareness of the need of financial backing for such organizations. CVLHS had approximately 95 donors. Together we can make a difference!

2011 Christmas Concert

On Sunday, December 11th at 7:00pm, the CVLHS Band, the Tone Chime Choir, and two individual students will perform in the CVLHS Christmas Concert. The band will be playing several songs, including two hymns for the audience to sing. The tone chimes will also play songs for the audience to sing.

Sophomore Mitch Witte will sing a solo, and freshman Jacob Vendt will be performing a solo on the piano.

Refreshments will be served following the concert. Please come and enjoy the musical celebration of our Lord's birth!

(continued from p. 1) C V L H S students, dressed in black and white, treated the guests to a sit-down dinner. Plates served to each guest consisted of sauerbraten & spaetzle, sweet & sour red cabbage, sauerkraut & bratwurst, German potato salad, and a dinner roll. And as if that were not enough, pfefferneusse adorned each place setting, and a bowl of bread pudding arrived shortly thereafter.

This was a delightful evening. We thank all those in attendance for their support. Special thanks to the musicians, students, & kitchen crew for making this a special event. Plans are in the works for the 3rd Annual German Fest!

Teachers & Staff

- Sabine Bill**
Language Teacher
- Tim Hansen**
Science Teacher
- Amy Klein**
Social Studies &
English Teacher
- Hannah Krenz**
Math Teacher
- Pastor Eugene Chase**
Band Director &
Religion Teacher
- Diane Wegner**
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