

ANNOUNCER

Adams Protestant Reformed Christian School

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Administration & Staff

Welcome back!

Mr. Rick Mingerink
Administrator

I want to warmly welcome everyone back to a new school year. The fresh energy of June has given way to August which is a little more tired and worn. All the summer opportunities that surrounded the students when they walked out the school door three months ago are now turned into summer memories. It is that time of year when we put our school clothes back on, pack our bags, and get back to learning. It's a good thing to have the building fill up with life once again.

There will be quite a few changes this coming school year. Some of these changes arrived by strategic planning, others arrived by responding to situations outside our control. The doctrine of God's Providence is comforting to us especially when we see so many changes, not just in school, but in the physical and social fabric of our world. *"We believe that the same God, after He had created all things, did not forsake them, or give them up...but He rules and governs them according to His holy will. ...This*

doctrine affords us unspeakable consolation, since we are taught thereby that nothing can befall us by chance, but by the direction of our most gracious and heavenly Father..." (Belgic Confession, art. 13, Divine Providence)

A hearty welcome to new faculty and staff this year. Our new Resource Room teacher is **Mrs. Tara Flikkema**. She isn't new to the classroom, since she taught for a few years at Covenant Christian High School. Our new 4th B teacher is **Miss Brianna Meulenberg**. She just graduated from Calvin University. I am excited to have her join our team. Our new 3rd B teacher is **Miss Marissa Holstege**. Miss Holstege spent half a year with us last year by student teaching in Mrs. Ensink's 1st grade classroom. It is great to have her back this year with her own classroom to instruct and manage. Our new custodian is **Mr. Zach Poortinga**. He will be taking over the cleaning and maintenance of our facility. Zach will be here during school hours and will be responsible for all things "building." Finally, the school board hired for two positions that revolve around athletics. **Mrs. Renae VanderKolk** will be our new K-3 gym instructor. She will provide the gym instruction for all classrooms at the K-3 level. **Mrs. Melissa Lubbers** was hired as our new Athletic Director. I am very thankful to all these individuals who were willing to give Adams Christian School a larger part in their lives.

Another change worth noting is that the school will be transitioning to a common marking period schedule. All grade levels will be on a 9-week marking period. In the past, 4th through 8th grade were on a 6-week marking period. With grades being more accessible through RenWeb, the need to send report cards out every 6-weeks is no longer valid.

Moving the entire school to a common schedule brings consistency for both school and home.

I am thankful to God that, D.V., our doors will open to a new school year on Tuesday, September 6. Christian schooling is not a legal right, nor is it a law. It is an institution that will exist within the fabric of a free nation where families have the liberty to establish such an institution. If not maintained and attended to, it will decay and die. I am thankful God has given this school community a desire to see this school thrive. There is tremendous love for this school. A love that is rooted, not in the school itself, but rooted in what the school does.

New Teachers



Hello, my name is Tara Flikkema, and I am excited to begin my new position as the Resource room teacher this fall! While this will be my first time teaching younger children, I am not new to the teaching role. Prior to having my children, I was the Spanish teacher at Covenant Christian High School for 5 years. Some of the parents here at Adams were formally my students, and I look forward to meeting and teaching their children! I am ready for the challenges of this new position. I am also excited to begin learning and growing along with the Adam's students.

I have been married to my husband John for 21 years. We have four children: Lauren, who will be entering 9th grade at Covenant Christian High school, Elaina (7th grade), Johnnie (5th grade), & Violet (1st grade) who are students here at Adams. We are members at Southeast Protestant Reformed church.

Our family enjoys boating on the Grand River and Lake Michigan. We also enjoy spending

time with family and friends. I am looking forward to getting back into the classroom and getting to know the students and families of Adams better. Please stop by and say "hi" if you are in the building!

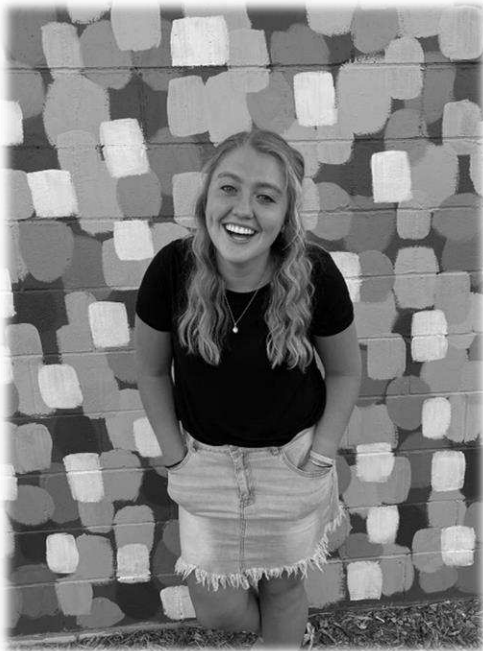


Hello! My name is Marissa Holstege, and I am so blessed and excited to be the new third grade teacher here at Adams Christian. For college, I studied at Cornerstone University where I recently graduated with a double major in elementary education and early childhood education. In terms of my family, I am the second oldest. I have four sisters and one brother, and we attend Faith Protestant Reformed Church. Not a lot of members from Faith go to Adams, so I am thrilled to be able to meet lots of new families!

Something to know about me is that I love being active and participating in sports! I played soccer growing up and was able to play on the reserve team throughout college. I also enjoy playing basketball, volleyball, and pickleball as well. Additionally, I love camping, hiking, and hanging out with my family and friends. This past summer, my good friend Bri Meulenberg, who is your exciting new fourth grade teacher, and I, along with our other friends, took a long car ride up to the UP and experienced God's beautiful creation by hiking the Porcupine Mountains, kayaking along Pictured Rocks, and

witnessing the amazing Tahquamenon Falls to name a few!

There may be some of you that recognize my name or my face because I had the amazing opportunity to student teach here in the first grade with Mrs. Karen Ensink this past spring! The amount I learned from her is innumerable, and the experiences I shared with the students are unforgettable. To God be the glory that I am now able to be part of such a wonderful school community. It is a blessing, and I cannot wait to begin my journey here!



Hello! My name is Brianna Meulenberg, most people call me Bri, and I am the new fourth grade teacher this year. I do not know a lot of you, so I am assuming you do not know a lot about me. I grew up in Walker, Michigan. My parents are the late Jeremy Meulenberg and Heidi Meulenberg. I am the second of five kids. This past spring I graduated from Calvin University with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Elementary Education and Social Studies. I attended Hope PRC School before moving on to Covenant Christian High School and then to Calvin. I am really excited to teach at Adams and get to know the families and students that make up the Adams community.

A little about myself. In my free time I love reading, playing spikeball and pickleball, solving jigsaw puzzles, and spending time at the beach or by my pool. I enjoy all things sports. I played volleyball, basketball, and softball growing up and all throughout high school. For one year at Calvin I was also on

the JV women's basketball team before hanging up my shoes for good. I also enjoy spending a lot of time with my friends and family. This summer I spent some time in the Upper Peninsula with my family and my friends, one of which is Miss Marissa Holstege, the new 3rd grade teacher.

I am so excited to be starting my first year of teaching at Adams. I have enjoyed getting to meet and know the staff here, and cannot wait to meet you! I am thankful the Lord has called me to this profession, and I covet your prayers as I begin this journey.

From the Library

Ciri Mingerink & Julie Flikkema
Librarians

As we are nearing the end of another summer break, we look forward with eager anticipation to another school year!

Our theme for the coming year will be "Wild About Reading." We will begin the year with a Root Beer Float Party for all 5th and 6th grade students who have completed our Summer Reading Challenge. All completed reading logs should be turned in during the first week of library. In addition, all K-6th grade students will be encouraged to participate in our reading challenges throughout the year. This is a great opportunity for students to become more proficient readers while earning fun prizes!

We are excited to be able to offer many new books, audio books, and Playaways for the students to choose from. We would also be happy to hear any suggestions you may have for books to be added to our library.

Thank you for your continued support!

School Board

Enrollment News

Mr. Jed Pipe
Enrollment Committee

This year the school board approved the enrollment of four new families at ACS: Nick & Kathryn Elzinga, Kyle & Kelly Karsemeyer, Tyler & Laura Langerak, and Ralph & Chantelle Thalen. We welcome them to Adams Christian School.

Enrollment for the 2022/23 school year was completed on schedule with 271 students from 116 families. We have one family less than last year, but the same number of students. Over the years we have

seen a lot of fluctuation in enrollment. Looking back to 1952, we had 290 students. By 2002, enrollment was about half that at approximately 140, and now we are back up to 271. While enrollment fluctuates, we are thankful for the consistent commitment of Christian parents and guardians to uphold the principles we cherish as a school. We pray that God will continue to give us the ability to use discernment in enrollment that we may safeguard our covenant youth for generations to come.

“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” Ephesians 6:4

Other News

New Families

Nick Elzinga family



We are Nick and Kathryn Elzinga. We have been married for 8 years and have 4 children. This year Alice (6) will be in kindergarten, Sam (4) and Lucy (3) and James (1) will be home with mom. Nick is an electrical engineer at JR Automation in Holland. Kathryn used to work at Spectrum Health as a nurse before becoming a stay-at-home mom 4 years ago. We have an additional member of our immediate family as well. Linda is Nick’s aunt. She is

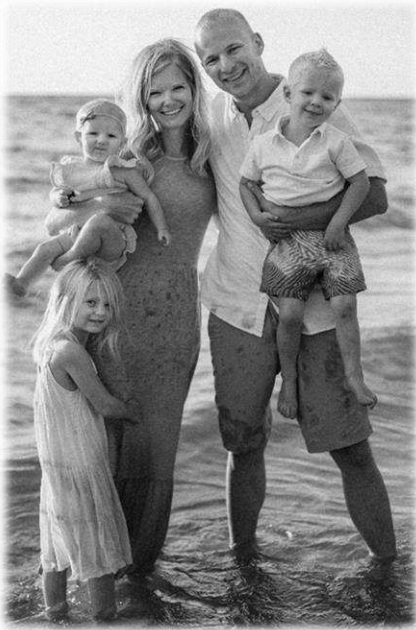
59 years old and has Down syndrome. We have lived together for the past 3 years. The dynamics are interesting but never dull. We live in Byron Center with our goats, chickens and a couple cats. We are members at Unity PRC and as a family we enjoy tending to our garden, playing Uno, and caring for our animals. We are very excited for our children to be at Adams Christian this year and looking forward to watching them learn and grow their relationship with the Lord.

Kyle Karsemeyer family



Hello! We are Kyle, Kelly, Emmalyn (5), and Tessa (2 1/2) Karsemeyer. Kyle grew up in Redlands, California where he was taught by both his dad (Ed) and brother (Shaun) at Hope Christian School. He currently works as the operations manager at Lakeland Pallets. Kelly (Lubbers) grew up in Byron PRC and attended Heritage Christian. She worked as a stylist at Panopolous Salon before becoming a mom. As a family we attend Trinity PRC. We spend lots of time swimming, biking, going to the beach and traveling to CA. We are excited to start this new season of life with children in school, and are so very thankful for the opportunity to send them to Adams Christian.

Tyler Langerak family



Hi! We are the Langeraks. We are so excited to start sending our children to Adams! We have been preparing to use our Christian schools since Hayden was born, and we cannot believe that time has finally come. Tyler is a sheriff's deputy for Kent County, and he currently works in Gaines Township. I (Laura) stay home with our three young children: Hayden, Boaz, and Edelyn. We all love animals, and we have a small farm in Byron Center. We have a few cows and chickens, and we hope to breed golden retrievers this summer. We stay busy with countless house projects, photography, and caring for our animals. We are eager for this next chapter in our lives, and we look forward to forming bonds with like-minded parents who also love our good Christian schools. *"And truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ" 1 John 1:3b*

Ralph Thalen family



Hello! We are Ralph and Chantelle Thalen and are blessed with three children, Eden (5), Myra (3), and Everett (1). Chantelle went to Adams as a child, and we are excited to see our oldest go there. Eden is an outgoing little girl that loves to make new friends. She is very excited to meet all her new friends at Adams. We live in Wayland, and enjoy country living as a family, raising a few animals. Ralph is a builder, and Chantelle is a nurse. We are members of the American Reformed Church in Dutton.

Class Lists – Total of 116 families and 271 students

Kindergarten

Mrs. Nancy Decker

KA – 16 students

Brummel, Gabriel
Dykshorn, Milo
Dykstra, Mason
Elzinga, Alice
Elzinga, Kayla
Karsemeyer, Emmalyn
Karsemeyer, Jack
Knott, Theodore
Langerak, Hayden
Lehnert, Roman
Mingerink, Clara
Schipper, Jacob
Van Solkema, Leo
Van Til, Jude
Vanden Toorn, Bridget
Vander Kolk, Everly

Mrs. Sara Kalsbeek

KB – 14 students

Bodbyl, Asher
Bruinsma, August
Griffioen, Ashlyn
Jabaay, Jacob
Kalsbeek, Simon
Kamps, Wyatt
Kortering, Remi
Langerak, Eleanor
McKinney, Holten
Ophoff, Luke
Thalen, Eden
Van Donselaar, Kenneth
Vanree, Blair
Westhuis, Olivia

First Grade

Mrs. Karen Ensink

1A – 17 students

Dijkstra, Nolah
Dykstra, Dastan
Flikkema, Savannah
Flikkema, Violet
Kamps, Gideon
Kooienga, Adalynn
Kooienga, Corbin
Kuiper, Isaac
Kuiper, Jude
Landheer, Cooper
Maatman, Calvin
Mingerink, Daniel
Mingerink, Silas
Pipe, Abigail
Sleda, Raelle
VanDenBerg, Paisley
VanMeeteren, Weston

Mrs. Annica Kuiper

1B – 17 students

Bodbyl, Kenzie
Deemter, Theo
Essenburg, Rosalie
Hall, Grayson
Hanko, Luke
Kregel, Bennett
Kuiper, Addilyn
Medemblik, Bentley
Oosterbaan, Emery
Ophoff, Levi
Schipper, Breck
Spriensma, Milly
Van Overloop, Lucas
Van Til, Roman
Vander Kolk, Lilah
Westhuis, Levi
Zandstra, Madison

Second Grade

Miss Heidi Gritters

2 - 22 students

Bodbyl, Levi
Bodbyl, Quinton
Buiten, Quinn
De Vries, Lucas
Dijkstra, Ka'Mya
Elzinga, Derek
Engelsma, Piper
Feenstra, Brynlee
Hekstra, Bristol
Jabaay, Mason
Kalsbeek, Hazel
Kamps, Jonah
Kerkstra, Stella
Kuiper, Nash
Lehnert, Gabriella
Miersma, Titus
Schipper, Alaina
Van Solkema, Stella
Vanden Toorn, Kate
VanMeeteren, Hudson
Vanree, Danica
Velthouse, Emerson

Third Grade

Miss Lynnae Miedema

3A – 20 students

Deemter, Maddox
Doezema, Joseph
Dykstra, Addison
Engelsma, Zoe
Flikkema, Olivia
Hall, Everett
Hanko, Zachary

Kamps, Genevieve
Landheer, Landon
Langerak, William
Mahtani, Zephaniah
McKinney, Maximus
Mingerink, Caleb
Mingerink, Elijah
Mingerink, Sylvia
Oosterbaan, Cole
Spriensma, Saydie
Van Donselaar, Connie
Van Til, James
VanDenBerg, Olive

Miss Marissa Holstege

3B – 19 students

Bleyenbergh, Malia
Brummel, Rose
Dijkstra, Lachlan
Dykshorn, Kenna
Griffioen, Alexander
Kamps, Amos
Karsemeyer, Derek
Kooienga, Liam
Koole, Josie
Kortering, Beckham
Kuiper, Cody
Kuiper, Nolan
Medemblik, Kaden
Miersma, Caleb
Mingerink, Selah
Schipper, Mary
Van Overloop, Kenslee
Van Til, Bennett
Velthouse, Isabel

Fourth Grade

Mr. Phil Wigger

4A – 16 students

Bodbyl, Sofia
Dykshorn, Hunter
Elzinga, Kent
Kamps, Jenna
Key, Robyn
Knott, Sydney
Kortering, Evelyn
Kuiper, Collin
McKinney, Gibson
Mingerink, Weston
Postma, Reegan
Schipper, Willah
Ten Broeke, Lance
Van Donselaar, Audrey
Vanden Toorn, Evelyn
Velthouse, Jade

Miss Brianna Meulenberg**4B – 15 students**

Bodbyl, Ellie
 Dykstra, Jade
 Dykstra, Wyatt
 Kaiser, Chloe
 Kamps, Morgan
 Kamps, Sadie
 Kooienga, Samantha
 Kortering, Tarrin
 Kuiper, Hailey
 Looyenga, Grant
 Lubbers, Michael
 Mingerink, Kameron
 Pipe, Claire
 Van Overloop, Joash
 Vander Kolk, Penelope

Fifth Grade**Mr. Mike Feenstra****5A – 15 students**

Deemter, Elle
 Essenburg, Annabeth
 Hall, Blake
 Hanko, Lauren
 Kuiper, Jonah
 Kuiper, Quinn
 Langerak, Charlotte
 Mahtani, Selah
 Miersma, Hannah
 Mingerink, Willem
 Overbeek, Abigail
 Pipe, Macie
 Schipper, Reeve
 Vander Kolk, Mya
 Zandstra, Noah

Mrs. Renae Baas**5B – 15 students**

Brummel, Olive
 De Vries, Clara
 Dijkstra, Pippa
 Dykstra, Kadence
 Flikkema, John
 Flikkema, Kinley
 Hekstra, Allie
 Kuiper, Elsie
 Kuiper, Logan
 Kuiper, Lucas
 Lubbers, Carter
 Schipper, June
 Steenwyk, Grace
 Van Overloop, Ty
 Van Til, Amelia

Sixth Grade**Mr. Jon Mingerink****6A – 18 students**

Kaiser, Tyler
 Kamps, Autumn
 Kamps, Noah
 Kamps, Olivia
 Knott, Justin
 Kooienga, Madison
 Mingerink, Eloise
 Postma, Maddilyn
 Schipper, Jadelyn
 Ten Broeke, Ethan
 Ten Broeke, Owen
 Van Donselaar, Wyatt
 Van Dyke, Garret
 Van Dyke, Kayla
 Van Overloop, Sailor
 Van Til, Annie
 VanDenBerg, Adalyn
 Vander Meulen, Tyce

Mrs. Kristin Dykstra**6B – 17 students**

Buiter, Lance
 Doezema, Holly
 Elzinga, Leah
 Engelsma, Dexter
 Feenstra, Rylee
 Kalsbeek, Ava
 Kamps, Hannah
 Key, Allison
 Kooienga, Dominic
 Kooienga, Gweneth
 Kuiper, Finley
 Looyenga, Evan
 Mahtani, Myra
 Medemblik, Avery
 Mingerink, Noah
 Van Baren, Chase
 Vander Kolk, Ella

Seventh Grade**Mr. Ryan Kregel****7th – 22 students**

Baas, Addyson
 Bleyenbergh, Dana
 Dykstra, Natalie
 Dykstra, Nicholas
 Flikkema, Elaina
 Flikkema, Greyson
 Hanko, Avery
 Hekstra, Joshua

Jabaay, Jack
 Kerkstra, Quinn
 Koole, Abbie
 Kortering, Caleb
 Kuiper, Kendra
 Lubbers, Brooke
 Lubbers, Lucas
 McKinney, Graylynn
 Mingerink, Sadie
 Potjer, Laci
 Schipper, Violet
 Velthouse, Carmen
 Velthouse, Hailey
 Zandstra, Kaylee

Eighth Grade**Mr. Bruce Koole****8A – 14 students**

Elzinga, Justin
 Engelsma, Kennedy
 Gunnink, Jessica
 Kamps, Landon
 Koole, Levi
 Kuiper, Gavin
 Langerak, Ava
 Mingerink, Chloe
 Petroelje, Sawyer
 Pipe, Vanessa
 Vaalburg, Caleb
 Van Overloop, Alivia
 Van Til, Elsie
 Vander Kolk, Paige

Mrs. Susan Van Koevering**8B – 14 students**

Buiter, Dalton
 Hanko, Taylor
 Kaiser, Tyler
 Knott, Autumn
 Kooienga, Levi
 Kuiper, Blake
 Kuiper, Lyla
 Lubbers, Sydney
 Medemblik, Jordyn
 Mingerink, Jack
 Schipper, Everley
 Schipper, Levi
 Van Dyke, Alyse
 Velthouse, Maya

Just a few reminders!

- School starts Tuesday, September 8 at **8:30 A.M** and ends at **3:10 p.** Buses leave at **3:15p.** Kindergarten will have half days that first week of school.
- School Entry: Just a reminder that during the school day, all school doors will be locked. All visitors can enter the building through Door A.
- If a student stays home because of an illness or any other reason, the **office must be informed prior to 9 AM** by a phone call or parent signed note. Otherwise, they will be issued an **unexcused tardy.**
- The **office** must be notified of planned appointments/absences during the school day. The office in turn will notify the teacher and the bus driver of these planned absences.
- **Tardy:** Please be reminded that any student who arrives to school after the 2nd bell has run (8:35a) will be issued a tardy. If the tardy is due to a legitimate reason, the parents must notify school that morning and it will be considered an **excused tardy**; otherwise, they will be given an **unexcused tardy.** Students cannot excuse themselves.
- If a student must leave during school hours, the student needs to obtain a **“check-out slip”** from the teacher. This slip must be given to the office before leaving school. The student will remain in the office area until parents arrive. If the student returns the same day, he must stop at the office to get a **“check-in slip.”** The student will not be allowed back into the classroom without this slip.

Thank you!

Below are the requirements and recommendations from the Kent County Health Department regarding COVID:

1. Student/Staff with COVID:

*“Isolation at home is **required** per Public Health Code. Isolation is 10 days, with a minimum of 5 days at home. If the positive person has stayed home for at least 5 days, is overall feeling better, has been fever-free without the use of fever-reducing meds for 24 hours, AND is able to correctly and consistently wear a mask, then they can return to work or the classroom while masked for days 6-10. If they do not meet ALL of the criteria listed, then they need to stay home for 10 days.”*

2. Student/Staff who are household contacts of person with COVID:

*“Quarantine at home is **recommended**, regardless of vaccination, for personal/household contacts that are unable to mask around others. This does include exposure in childcare settings for those under the age of 2. They would be recommended to stay at home for 10 days, as well as monitor for symptoms for those 10 days and test 3-7 days after their last exposure. If they are being continually exposed to a positive person in the household, their 10 days would begin once the positive household member is out of isolation.”*

“For exposure in schools or childcare (over the age of 2): they can continue attending, but it is recommended that they mask for 10 days after their exposure and monitor for symptoms. It is also recommended that they test if symptoms develop.”

To simplify:

1. **Isolation** of individuals with COVID is a REQUIREMENT.
2. **Quarantine** of individuals who have household contacts with COVID is a RECOMMENDATION.

2022-2023 School Year

July

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20: End of Semester (half day)

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24: P/T Conferences

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6- First Day of School

16- Picture Day

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24- Spring Program; End of Q3

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19- Field Day
20,21: PRTI Convention
28- P/T Conferences

April

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31 – 7: Spring Break

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4- Grandparents Day; End of Q1

18: Booster's Auction

24,25: Thanksgiving Break

May

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22: All Schools Band Concert

29: Memorial Day

December

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8- Band/Choir Fall Concert

22: Half Day

23-Jan. 2 – Christmas Break

June

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6: Last Day of School/Graduation (half day)



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