

ANNOUNCER

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Administration & Staff

No Concern of Ours

Mr. Rick Mingerink
Administrator

The situation being what it is, I was feeling worried lately, really down in the mouth. I wanted some advice. So I looked up a scientist, because I have heard that scientists know the answers. “The situation,” I said to him, “is bad and what’s more I believe it is getting worse. What do you mean to do about it?”

“I just work here,” he said. “Ask him.” He took his hand off the test tube he was holding and pointed at his employer, a businessman. “Things are bad lately,” I said to him, “and I was wondering what you were think...”

“I simply tend to my business,” he interrupted. “But for something like that now you ought to go over to the University. They get paid there for thinking about things.”

The first man I found at the University was a professor of history. I figured he ought to know, and I said to him, “I don’t like the trend lately, and I want you to tell me what ought to be done about...”

“About Russia,” he said. “I know, everybody’s wondering. Ask me next year, second semester; just now I’m doing the Graeco-Roman period.”

Then I met that writer whose picture I had seen in the paper. I went up to him and said, “You’re an artist, I hear. What are the artists saying about the state of the world lately?”

“Artists,” he growled, “have nothing to do with the state of the world. Their responsibility is to their art.” And as I left, he barked after me, “Why don’t you ask a preacher?” That was an idea. They used to send us to the Chaplain in the Army, too. I looked for a preacher and found one. He had his arm full of hymn books. “The world,” I began, “is cracking at the seams, the bottom is dropping out, the...”

“I know it,” he said, “but speak to me about it later. We’re having a rally at the park tonight, and I haven’t arranged for the song service yet.”

It was plain I wasn’t getting anywhere. I went back to the scientist in a huff, and came upon him talking to the businessman, very friendly. “Who is responsible for things anyhow?” I demanded.

“I told you,” he said, “that I just work here. The government maybe.”

“But that’s commu-fascism, isn’t it?” I was shouting now.

“Could be,” said the businessman, “but it’s no concern of ours. We just tend to our business.”

(The Calvin Forum, October, 1948 by Henry Zylstra as printed in Testament of Vision, 1958)

Some things are timeless, aren't they? Mr. Zylstra's words are as appropriate now as they were then.

The world has been the arena of competing ideas, resources, and power for 6,000 years. Turmoil and oppression flow through the earth like a swollen spring river. And all the while, we just want to tend to our own business. We have events to plan for. Milestones to commemorate. Parties to attend. Vacations to have.

We have our own personal problems to worry about, too. Bosses needing our time. Businesses needing to be managed. Bank accounts needing to be filled. Homes needing decoration. Children needing sports. Stomachs needing restaurants.

Well, school is going to start soon, D.V. We can thank God for this. And we will continue to act upon our daily concerns. We will continue to plan our parties and build up our places in this world. And one day we will open our eyes because a 2x4 will have hit us in the head and we will realize the world isn't what it used to be. The swollen river turned course and removed our comfortable stability. What we've known to be ours will no longer be.

Yet, God never tells us to reverse history or build bulwarks for the purpose of preventing what must come before His return. There isn't some strategy or policy we should be advocating that will stymie the events that must come. Everything that comes to pass, whether it's advanced by Democrats or Republicans, the church or the world, is a step closer to His return. Our task isn't to bring us back to a different era of time, but our task is to watch, pray, and be sober for He said "*Behold, I come quickly*" (Rev. 22:12).

Watching and sobriety doesn't consist of putting blinders on so that we can't see past our next paycheck or video game or Netflix episode. Our children should be taught this, too. Watching and sobriety is found when we raise our head up and look outside of our small bubble of an existence. It is being like the children of Issachar who were "*men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do*" (I Chron. 12:32).

For this to happen, our children require knowledge. Our children will have spiritual and intellectual depth when they know how to think and when they have things to think about. They need to have substance between their ears.

This generation needs a sound, broad, Christian education. One that focuses on broad knowledge acquisition rather than job placement. One that equips them to be discerning Christians as they live in the world. One that is anchored in God's Word so that the swollen river doesn't carry them away in their misguided quest for earthly comfort. This generation needs a Christian school.

This is not easily given. A Christian school has an educational goal that is contrary to the world's educational projects. The postmodern public school educational industry wants freedom from God and truth. It champions economic success, liberation from God, and the exaltation of Man's Kingdom. As such, the educational culture the Christian school lives in is constantly pulling the Christian school away.

So, as parents, I ask that you continue to make the Christian School a great concern of yours. Fight for her, push her, prove her. Please don't put your blinders on. When you do, the school and all of us laboring on her behalf will inevitably do the same, too. This is a concern of all of us.

New Staff Members

Mr. David Mahtani

Sixth Grade



Thank you for welcoming us to Adams Christian School! We, the Mahtani family, are excited to begin a new adventure here. We are members of First PRC in Grand Rapids, and currently live in Alger Heights. If there were a word to describe us, it would probably be "diverse." Madri is a stay-at-

home mom and runs a custom-decorated cookie business from the home. She grew up in South Africa and the Chicago area and still speaks Afrikaans with her family. She also taught 1st grade at Heritage Christian for two years. Dave (not to be confused with his twin, Pastor Jonathan Mahtani) grew up in Singapore, Texas, and Pittsburgh. He studied Theology in college, taught high school, tried seminary, taught at Eastside Christian for six years, and then painted houses for the last three years. Myra, the eldest, is 10 and will be entering 4th grade at Adams this coming year. She is our kind and creative child. Selah is 8 and will be entering 3rd grade. She is our cheerful and talented bookworm. Zeph is 6 and will be entering 1st. He is our helpful and energetic red head. Our two-year-old, Asher, is our fearless chatterbox who keeps his mom exhausted and entertained for hours at a time. We are a unique family who enjoys experiencing and exploring new places, tastes, games, etc. And we are excited to experience and serve the Adams community.

Miss Lynnae Miedema

Third Grade



Hello! My name is Lynnae Miedema and I am very excited to begin my teaching career at Adams this year! I graduated from Hope College (go Dutch!) with a degree in Elementary Education, focused on English/Language Arts. I love to read and

spend time outside with my two rambunctious puppies. During the COVID-19 quarantine period, I have been readying my classroom, reading books, and relaxing by the pool. I've also spent time at Green Lake and had the opportunity to travel to Colorado and the UP. It's amazing to see the Creator's handiwork in His beautiful and vast creation! I am eager to return to school to work with and for all of you in the training of God's covenant children for His glory. In His service, Lynnae Miedema.

Mrs. Lauren Dykstra

Elementary Choir/Music

I have been given an opportunity to introduce myself. I am the wife of Nick Dykstra, and mom to Madison, Natalie and Wyatt. I studied music with a focus on vocal instruction for several years at college. It started as a fun hobby for me, but now I have been blessed with the opportunity to teach a few music classes here at Adams, specifically early elementary music and 4th/5th choir. I am very excited to have this opportunity.

In early elementary music, it is my goal to teach the kids the basics of music: how to work together, how to move their voices up and down, diction, and basic music reading and vocabulary. We use lots of fun songs and games to achieve these goals. Often times, the kids don't realize they are learning anything and yet they make great strides in accomplishment through play. They get to march around, sing silly songs, and play instruments. It's a fun class. :)

In the 4th/5th grade choir we expand these concepts into slightly more difficult, yet age appropriate, music. As they are older, they can make even greater strides towards learning to make beautiful music with their voices. They also get to perform a few times a year which gives them a chance to grow in the skill of performance, i.e., performing music for the enjoyment of others. These are skills that they will have opportunity to use throughout their lives as they grow and are given further opportunities to sing in school and church choirs.

As we work at all of these goals, I and the children will start and end with this concept: all of this, the learning, the music, the performance, is in the pursuit of the glorification of God as He commands us in Psalm 150: *"Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD, Praise ye the LORD."*

Mrs. Gracia Schipper

Junior High Choir

Music is an integral part of our walk with God. It is a precious treasure and I desire for students to grow a deeper appreciation and understanding of music through participating in choir. More importantly, we were created to worship our mighty God. Singing plays a central role in expressing praise and honor for what God has done for us through Jesus Christ.

I agree with Martin Luther when he wrote, *"Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through Music."* Ninety-three of us will have an opportunity to grow together in unity, to sing from our hearts sincerely and be filled with the Spirit of Christ so that we can experience Colossians 3:16 personally; *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."*

I am Gracia, married to Ron Schipper, and we love our Protestant Reformed schools and music. Our daughters, Rose (2), Mary (6) and June (8), anticipate 1st and 3rd grade at Adams. I began taking voice lessons as a senior in High School and continued at Hope College. Singing in choirs throughout grade school, college, and in church was always a passion of mine. I graduated from Hope College in 2006 with a major in Fine Arts to teach grades K-8. I taught 1st/2nd grade and the music curriculum for 1st-8th grade at Faith Christian in Randolph, WI. Then I returned to Michigan to teach 5th grade and directed 6th/7th grade choir at Heritage Christian, until 2012. Recently I spent three days in a virtual class that was offered by the Michigan School Vocal Music Association, to listen to instruction by various national choral directors ranging from middle school to collegiate level choirs. I am excited to begin instructing your children! With much gratitude for Faith Noorman's twenty years of dedication to Adams' choirs, I am honored to continue to keep music in an elevated position at Adams. It is my hope that God continues to equip me to teach and learn along with your children.

To enhance our instruction, I have asked my good friend, Kris Engelsma (nee Velthouse, married to Stefan Engelsma), to join us by accompanying our choir. She is happy to share her gifts with us. Together we intend to give our students opportunities to use their various gifts in music too. I am humbled to be able to lead our students as we worship God in song. We covet your prayers that we always aim to give God the glory alone in all of our work.

From the Library

Julie Kaiser

Ciri Mingerink

When school was shut down in the spring, we were able to be open on Wednesdays for those families who wanted to borrow books from us. We were glad we could help out in this small way since the public libraries were completely closed.

In this time of questions and uncertainty, we are preparing the library as if we will be having all the students coming to see us. Last year's eighth graders have been taken out of our data base, all the other grades have been moved up, and the new kindergarteners have been added.

This year the Long Range Committee and the School Board have given us extra money to buy some hardcover non-fiction books, Playaways and iPads. We are hoping to have a curriculum to teach the kids to find their own books by showing them how the books are listed on the iPads and exactly where they are located on the shelves. And we want to teach them how to put books on hold for themselves using the iPads. We got the idea from Heritage's library.

We are hopeful that we will be able to see each precious child come through our doors this year and to share the excitement we get from reading books!

Other News

Day by Day

**Mrs. Sara Potjer
Mothers Club President**

By God's grace, we begin each calendar year mindful of God's sovereign control in the year that lies ahead. 2020 has been a year that has affected each one of us in a common way. The Lord's footsteps were clearly heard as He sent the virus Covid 19 to the entire world. So very quickly, every part of our lives changed. Our children were separated from their classmates and teachers. School had to be carried out remotely and teachers diligently sacrificed their time and efforts to make this possible. Many were not able to work, resulting in financial struggles for some. Most significantly of all, we were not able to worship in God's house every Sunday as we had done in the past.

Day by day, the Lord cared for us during those last few weeks of school. He gave us the grace needed to teach our children at home. He continued to feed us each Sunday with His Word. And because life as we knew it came to a standstill, we were reminded of our complete dependence of our Heavenly Father. And as His judgement raged around us, we had peace knowing that this too was for His glory and the good of His church.

During that time, God taught us an appreciation for our fellow saints as we did not have opportunity to see each other for a long period of time. How thankful we can be for those godly friendships that He give to us and our children. As we journey as pilgrims on this earth, we struggle with sin and many burdens. In God's mercy, He provides us with fellow saints to reprove us when necessary and encourage us in our godly walk.

"A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity" Proverbs 17:17

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

Mothers Club is a means to strengthen those godly friendships. As we work together to support the needs of our school, we learn how each member of His body is important and has a place in the service of His kingdom. In our labors together, we

become more aware of each other's needs and are reminded to pray for each other. Each one of us has our own callings and for some, it may not be possible to join the meetings or be part of a fundraising committee. We welcome any participation you can give whether it is baking cookies for teacher's conferences, stirring soup at the soup supper, or attending the meetings to help us make those decisions necessary to run the fundraisers. As an "old" member of Mothers Club, it has been beautiful to see how year after year, the Lord provides us with willing hearts and hands that give of their time and efforts for the sake of our school. As sisters in Christ, we read God's Word together, sing His praises, and come to Him in prayer. Many of the projects that we work on bring more interaction with our school staff and cause us to grow in our appreciation for the work that they do. There are even times when your kids can help with certain fundraisers, keeping them involved in the workings of our school. Please join us if you are able. We'd love to have you!

As we start another school year, we face a lot of uncertainty and changes. So many questions may be filling our minds. As Mothers Club, we wonder "will we be able to meet each month and carry out all the activities/fundraisers we plan to do for the 2020/2021 school year?" Day by day, we must put our trust in our heavenly Father. He has a good and perfect plan for each one of us and for our school. And as we carry out that plan, to God be all the glory!

*Day by day and with each passing moment,
Strength I find, to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure,
Gives unto each day what He deems best.
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure, Min-
gling toil with peace and rest.*

New Families

Seth Bodbyl family



Hello! We are Seth & Lenora (or Lonnie) Bodbyl. Seth is the son of Dan & Anna Mae Bodbyl and is himself a graduate of Adams, having attended Adams for 2 years after his family moved here from CA. Seth now works at Lakeland Pallets. Lonnie is the daughter of Jim & Kathy Vander Kolk and stays home with their 3 children, Quinton (5), Asher (3), and Josie (2). We are members at Grandville PRC.

Our oldest son Quinton is looking forward to beginning Kindergarten in the fall and keeps asking his mom when he gets to go to school. He loves animals and probably knows more about them than his parents. He loves to play outside and ride his bike and go swimming. He also loves to play with his many, many cousins and is excited to have some of them at school with him.

We are excited to begin this chapter of our lives and be a part of the Adams family. We are so thankful for our Christian Schools and the godly instruction of our covenant children.

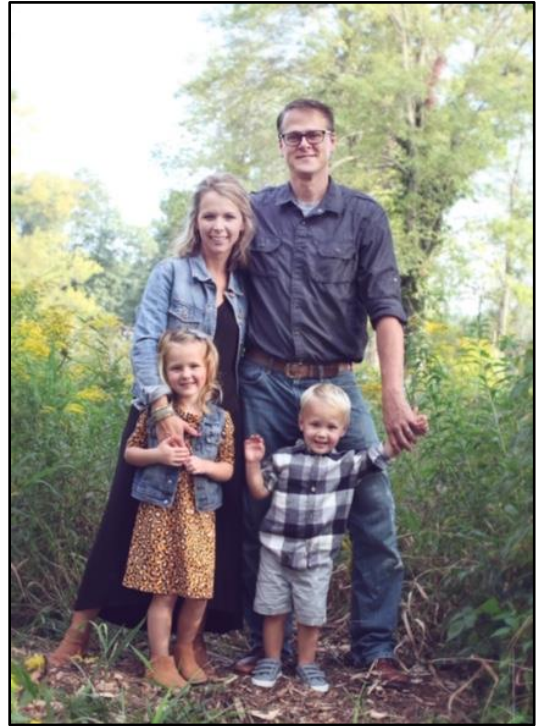
Jordan Hiemstra family



Hi, we are the Hiemstra family! Jordan has his own design and marketing company, Northbound Studio. I'm a stay-at-home mom and keep busy taking care of our home, our two sons Harlow (5) and Hudson (3), our two dogs and some chickens. Harlow loves dinosaurs and riding bikes. Hudson loves digging in the mud and looking for cool rocks. We go to Southwest PRC. Harlow loves having friends in his class that he also gets to see at church! We have been enjoying our summer so far! We love to go to the beach and spend time on our boat. We are so thankful for Adams Christian School and we are excited for this school year!

Matt Jabaay family

Hello from the Jabaays! Matt, Kristin, Mason and Jacob. Matt was born and raised in Redlands, California, son of Laurie Jabaay. He has worked at Padnos Plastics for 7 years testing plastic and in logistics. Kristin, is a Looyenga, daughter of Randy and Lindy, and is a stay-at-home mom. We were married in 2008 and moved to Michigan in 2013 after living in CA for 5 1/2 years. Mason is 5 (almost 6) years old, likes to tell long stories, loves airplanes, building Legos and riding his bike. He is excited to finally go to kindergarten and go to the “big school”. Jacob is 3.5 and follows big brother around all day long. He will definitely miss Mason on school days, we all will! We are expecting our 3rd child, Lord willing, in December. We go to Southwest PRC, where we are very blessed with godly friends and family. We are excited to start our new adventure at Adams Christian.

John Kalsbeek family

Hello, we are the Kalsbeeks! John or Johnny to most and Lynn (Holstege), we have three children. Hazel, the oldest at 5, will be starting Kindergarten this year and she is so excited! She has a younger brother Simon who is 3, and we just welcomed the newest addition on July 29, 2020 Archie James Kalsbeek.

Johnny runs his own plumbing company with his brother Jeff. You may have heard of Kalsbeek Plumbing?

We attend Southeast PRC. We look forward to getting to know the Adams Christian School Family.



Trevor Kalsbeek family

Hello! We are the Kalsbeek family! Trevor, Sara, Brendan, Caleb and Ava. Trevor is the son of the late John and Judy Kalsbeek. He is employed by Ron Miedema Concrete as their estimator. I am the daughter of Marlin and Sandra Westra and teach Kindergarten here at Adams. Brendan is in the 12th grade at CCHS and Caleb is an 11th grader. Our daughter, Ava, is very excited to be joining the 4th grade class this year at Adams. Ava is very outgoing and is eager to meet and make new friends this year! Several years ago, she attended preschool at Adams with some of her new classmates! She can't wait to see mom at school each day as well (I'm excited for this, too!) We are members of Southwest PRC. As a family, we enjoy traveling, hiking, biking, XC meets, and CCHS basketball games. Trevor and I looking forward to simplifying life a bit and are thankful that the Lord has led us on this path as we take our place at Adams Christian school.



Curtis Lehnert family



Hi! We are the Lehnert family. We have been living in West Michigan for 2 years now. We moved from Singapore where we lived for 5 years and were members of our sister church CERC. Curtis is an American and Esther is a Singaporean. We lived in multiple cities before we met in Hong Kong. Curtis is the Director of Investments at D.A.E. Capital, while Esther is a full-time mom. It is truly in God's providence that we are here and beginning this new journey at Adams! Gabriella is 5+ and very excited to start Kindergarten. She can be quite reserved and shy outside of home. She is a motivated independent learner who loves art, coloring, playing the piano, building Lego castles and gymnastics. She can read and write basic Chinese and has a lot of fun learning a second language from Mommy. Her best friend and brother Roman turns 4 soon. He is friendly, warm-hearted and energetic. We do not have family here and are looking forward to knowing more families and making friends.

Nathan Van Meeteren family

Hi, I am Hudson VanMeeteren and I am 6 years old. My parents are Nathan & Esther (Griffioen) and I have two brothers, Weston (4) and Lincoln (6 months). As a family we love to do anything outdoors: hiking, biking, swimming and all the sports. I'm so excited to start kindergarten, to meet my teacher, and make new friends. I am thankful for Adams Christian School and can't wait to be a part of it!

Seth VanRee family

Hi! I am Danica VanRee. I am 5.5 years old and very excited to go to Kindergarten as long as I don't have to wear a mask. I love school and learning and cannot wait to read! You will find me "reading" books A LOT! I also enjoy swimming and playing dolls. My sister, Blair is 3.5 years. She is my best friend. We love

playing together. I have a brother, Lance who is 10 months. He is learning to walk and loves to rip books. I like to play with him too and pretend he is my baby! My dad is Seth and he works at Legacy Precision Molds as a CNC machinist. Since that is way over my head, I would say "he pushes buttons." My mom is Betsy and she stays home with me.

Together as a family, we enjoy anything outside: going for walks, bike rides, swimming, and playing at parks just to name a few. I am excited to see Mrs. Decker more often than Sundays with online church.

Tedd Van Solkema family

Hi! We are the Van Solkema family - Tedd & Abby, Stella & Leo. Tedd is the Director of Operations at Life EMS Ambulance while I stay at home full time with our children. Stella is 5 years old and very excited to start kindergarten this fall. She loves to read and learn new things. Leo is 3 years old and is really looking forward to some time to play with his trucks in peace while big sister is at school.

We are members of Trinity PRC. The whole family likes to keep busy caring for our hobby farm and garden. We also enjoy time spent at Grandma's pool with family and friends. Tedd and I both attended Adams and are excited to be an active part of Adams Christian School again.

Class Lists

Kindergarten

Mrs. Nancy Decker

KA – 14 students

Buiter, Quinn
De Vries, Lucas
Elzinga, Derek
Hekstra, Bristol
Hiemstra, Harlow
Jabaay, Mason
Kamps, Jonah
Kuiper, Kaden
Lehnert, Gabriella
Schipper, Alaina
Van Solkema, Stella
Vanden Toorn, Kate
Vanree, Danica
Velthouse, Emerson

Mrs. Sara Kalsbeek

KB – 11 students

Bodbyl, Brock
Bodbyl, Levi
Bodbyl, Quinton
Dijkstra, Ka'Mya
Engelsma, Piper
Feenstra, Brynlee
Kalsbeek, Hazel
Kerkstra, Stella
Kuiper, Nash
Miersma, Titus
VanMeeteren, Hudson

First Grade

Mrs. Karen Ensink

1A – 22 students

Bleyenbergh, Malia
Dykshorn, Kenna
Flikkema, Olivia
Gritters, Lacey
Hanko, Zachary
Kamps, Amos
Kamps, Genevieve
Kaptein, Caleb
Kooienga, Liam
Kortering, Beckham
Landheer, Landon
Langerak, William
Mahtani, Zephaniah
Miersma, Caleb
Mingerink, Elijah
Mingerink, Selah
Ophoff, Jotham
Schipper, Mary

Spriensma, Saydie

Van Til, James

VanDenBerg, Olive

Wiersema, Molly

Mrs. Annica Kuiper

1B – 22 students

Brummel, Rose
Deemter, Maddox
Dijkstra, Lachlan
Doezema, Joseph
Dykstra, Addison
Engelsma, David
Engelsma, Stefan
Engelsma, Zoe
Griffioen, Alexander
Hall, Everett
Karsemeyer, Derek
Kuiper, Cody
Kuiper, Nolan
McKinney, Maximus
Medemblik, Kaden
Mingerink, Caleb
Mingerink, Sylvia
Oosterbaan, Cole
Van Donselaar, Connie
Van Overloop, Kenslee
Van Til, Bennett
Velthouse, Isabel

Second Grade

Mrs. Renae Baas

2A – 16 students

Bodbyl, Ellie
Dykstra, Wyatt
Kamps, Morgan
Key, Robyn
Kortering, Evelyn
Kuiper, Collin
Kuiper, Hailey
Looyenga, Grant
Mingerink, Kameron
Mingerink, Tate
Mingerink, Weston
Pipe, Claire
Postma, Reegan
Schipper, Willah
Ten Broeke, Lance
Vanden Toorn, Evelyn

Miss Joanna Koerner**2B – 16 students**

Bodbyl, Sofia
 Dykshorn, Hunter
 Dykstra, Jade
 Elzinga, Kent
 Kaiser, Chloe
 Kamps, Jenna
 Kamps, Sadie
 Knott, Sydney
 Kooienga, Samantha
 Kortering, Tarrin
 Lubbers, Michael
 McKinney, Gibson
 Van Donselaar, Audrey
 Van Overloop, Joash
 Vander Kolk, Penelope
 Velthouse, Jade

Third Grade**Mrs. Susan VanKoeveering****3A – 17 students**

Brummel, Olive
 Dijkstra, Pippa
 Flikkema, John
 Flikkema, Kinley
 Hanco, Lauren
 Hekstra, Allie
 Kuiper, Elsie
 Kuiper, Logan
 Kuiper, Lucas
 Kuiper, Quinn
 Lubbers, Carter
 Miersma, Hannah
 Pipe, Macie
 Schipper, June
 Van Overloop, Ty
 Van Til, Amelia
 Zandstra, Noah

Miss Lynnae Miedema**3B – 16 students**

Bodbyl, Lola
 De Vries, Clara
 Deemter, Elle
 Dykstra, Kadence
 Essenburg, Annabeth
 Hall, Blake
 Kuiper, Austin
 Kuiper, Jonah
 Langerak, Charlotte
 Lanning, Jason
 Mahtani, Selah
 Mingerink, Willem
 Overbeek, Abigail

Schipper, Reeve
 Steenwyk, Grace
 Vander Kolk, Mya

Fourth Grade**Mr. Phil Wigger****4A – 19 students**

Buiter, Lance
 Engelsma, Dexter
 Feenstra, Rylee
 Kalsbeek, Ava
 Kamps, Autumn
 Kamps, Noah
 Key, Allison
 Knott, Justin
 Kooienga, Gweneth
 Kooienga, Madison
 Mahtani, Myra
 Mingerink, Christian
 Mingerink, Noah
 Ophoff, Addie
 Van Baren, Chase
 Van Overloop, Sailor
 Van Til, Annie
 Vander Kolk, Ella
 Vander Meulen, Tyce

Mr. Mike Feenstra**4B – 18 students**

Doezema, Holly
 Elzinga, Leah
 Kaiser, Tyler
 Kamps, Hannah
 Kamps, Olivia
 Kooienga, Dominic
 Kuiper, Finley
 Looyenga, Evan
 Medemblik, Avery
 Mingerink, Eloise
 Postma, Maddilyn
 Schipper, Jadelyn
 Ten Broeke, Ethan
 Ten Broeke, Owen
 Van Donselaar, Wyatt
 Van Dyke, Garret
 Van Dyke, Kayla
 VanDenBerg, Adalyn

Fifth Grade**Miss Karina Heynen****23 students**

Baas, Addyson
 Bleyenbergh, Dana
 Dykstra, Natalie
 Dykstra, Nicholas
 Engelsma, Reid

Flikkema, Elaina
 Flikkema, Greyson
 Hanko, Avery
 Hekstra, Joshua
 Jabaay, Jack
 Kerkstra, Quinn
 Kortering, Caleb
 Kuiper, Courtney
 Kuiper, Kendra
 Lubbers, Brooke
 Lubbers, Lucas
 McKinney, Graylynn
 Mingerink, Sadie
 Potjer, Laci
 Schipper, Violet
 Velthouse, Carmen
 Velthouse, Hailey
 Zandstra, Kaylee

Sixth Grade

Mrs. Grace Hofman

6A – 15 students

Buiter, Dalton
 Engelsma, Kennedy
 Kaiser, Tyler
 Kamps, Kelsey
 Kooienga, Levi
 Kuiper, Blake
 Langerak, Ava
 Lanning, Megan
 Lubbers, Sydney
 Medemblik, Jordyn
 Mingerink, Chloe
 Schipper, Everley
 Schipper, Levi
 Van Overloop, Alivia
 Van Til, Elsie

Mr. David Mahtani

6B – 16 students

Elzinga, Justin
 Gunnink, Jessica
 Hanko, Taylor
 Kamps, Landon
 Kaptein, Emma
 Knott, Autumn
 Kuiper, Gavin
 Kuiper, Lyla
 Mingerink, Jack
 Petroelje, Sawyer
 Pipe, Vanessa
 Snippe, Molly
 Vaalburg, Caleb
 Van Dyke, Alyse
 Vander Kolk, Paige

Velthouse, Maya

Seventh grade

Mr. Ryan Kregel

7A – 17 students

Bleyenbergh, Sarah
 Dykstra, Madison
 Jabaay, Owen
 Kerkstra, Nathan
 Kortering, Drew
 Kuiper, Jordan
 Kuiper, Oliver
 Looyenga, Ethan
 Lubbers, Alayna
 Lubbers, Mekenzie
 Mingerink, Colten
 Mingerink, Kaden
 Steenwyk, Blake
 Van Baren, Danae
 Van Baren, Lucas
 Van Dyke, Claire
 Van Overloop, Cowen

Mrs. Kristin Dykstra

7B – 16 students

Boorsma, Izaak
 Dommisse, Charlie
 Engelsma, Liam
 Feenstra, Ashlee
 Flikkema, Lauren
 Kamps, Logan
 Kerkstra, Landon
 Looyenga, Caleb
 Lubbers, Alicia
 Mingerink, Hailey
 Mingerink, Jake
 Ophoff, Melaine
 Overbeek, Sophia
 Snippe, Charles
 Vander Kolk, James
 Velthouse, Grace

Eighth Grade

Mr. Jon Mingerink

26 students

Baas, Ella
 Bouma, Jaxon
 Doezeema, Melinda
 Dykstra, Abby
 Dykstra, Caleb
 Elzinga, Benjamin
 Gunnink, Elliot
 Kaiser, Jacob
 Kaptein, Clara
 Knott, Bryce
 Kuiper, Kylie

Langerak, Luke
Lanning, Emily
Lubbers, Jori
Petroelje, Keaton
Pipe, Aidan
Pipe, Chloe
Pipe, Evan
Potjer, Adam
Sleda, Rylan
Steenwyk, Marissa
Ten Broeke, Jessica
Van Dyke, Aiden
Vander Kolk, Austin
Vander Meulen, Brady
Zandstra, Aiden

Total number of 130 families

Total of 284 students

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**.
- **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 must 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.

COVID Policy Reminders!

Here is a quick list for reference. The full policy plan can be found on our website under **“Publications”** .

We are confident these will soon be routine and unobtrusive as we get through the first week or two of school. We are thankful we can have our students in the building without any hindrances to a Christ-centered education. This will be another good year of Christian education, D.V.!

1. Parents need to screen their children every morning for COVID symptoms before sending them to school. You are looking for **new** and/or **not typical** symptoms for your child. If your child is present at school, we assume they passed the screening. **Do not send any child to school that has a temperature of 100.4 or greater.**
2. All children in school will need to wear a face mask while in common areas (hallways, bathrooms, etc.) and the bus. For students in K-5, they may take their face mask off in the classroom. For students in 6-8, they must wear their face mask in the classroom, too. All students will remove their face mask while they eat.
3. If your child has a medical condition that prevents them from wearing a mask, **parents must request a form from the school office that will need to be signed by their doctor.**
4. The school will not supply face masks for students. We will, however, have some on hand for those who forgot, lost, or broke theirs.
5. Please send your child to school with a clearly labeled water bottle. Drinking fountains will be closed for drinking.
6. We will not be holding Field Day or Grandparents Day or any other concert/assembly that brings large groups of people together. This could change if new Executive Orders are issued.
7. We are looking for volunteers to help disinfect the high contact areas of school during lunch hour. We have equipment on site to make this quick and simple. Look for a sign-up form soon.
8. All parents/visitors who desire to enter the building must wear a facial covering and sanitize their hands (sanitizer will be available by the entry doors).

Thank you!