



SUMMER 2023

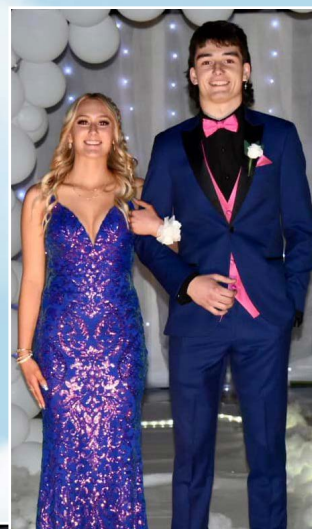
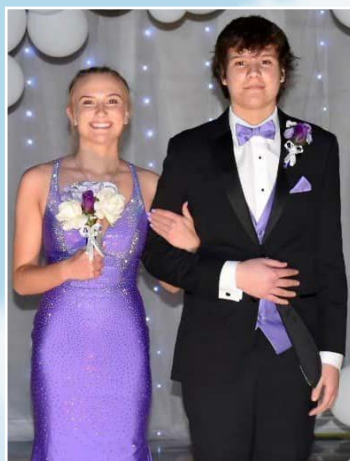
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Cedar Mountain Juniors planned Prom 2023 "Cloud 9" which was held on Saturday, April 22nd beginning with Grand March at 6pm. Decorations included a chandelier, balloon arch, Cloud 9 mylar balloons, and curtain lights in the background as well as a cloud lined path. A banquet catered by Marie Gervais of Springfield, included a pasta bar, salad, bread stick and dessert. That was followed by the dance with music by another local favorite, DJ Bob out of Wabasso. Post prom began with a hypnotist and followed up with a casino night and prizes for all prom attendees.



*Mr. R. Brandl
Superintendent /
MSHS Principal*

Thank you and best of luck to our Class of 2023

As each school year draws to a close, we say farewell to our graduating seniors. We wish each and every senior the very best as they transition into a new and exciting phase of their young lives. We hope that the experiences that they have had at Cedar Mountain have prepared them to be successful in whatever path life takes them. Thank you to both the students and their parents for the efforts that

they have made as we work together to provide a high quality education.

As we reflect on the 2022-2023 school year, the students and staff have accomplished a great amount and have a lot to be proud of. Cedar Mountain has made great strides academically as we prepare our students for life after high school. Our students made tremendous

progress in the classroom and also made us extremely proud with their successes in extra-curricular activities. Students at Cedar Mountain were able to see first hand that end result is nearly always tied to the effort that they have put in.

A special thank you to all of the staff at Cedar Mountain for their tremendous efforts throughout the school year. We are proud of our wonderful teachers, administrators and support staff who work hard to build relationships and provide our students the environment and education they deserve.

After 7 years at Cedar Mountain, I am transitioning onto a new career. My last day in the office will be June 30th, 2023. I am thankful for my time here and have enjoyed working with our students and staff. I wish Cedar Mountain nothing but the best for many years to come.

Thank you for your continued support of Cedar Mountain Schools. We hope you have a great summer! Go Cougars!

*The staff and community would like to thank Mr. Brandl for his dedication to our students.
We wish you success in your new career. Come visit any time!*

CONGRATULATIONS to our Retirees



CMS thanks you for your service to our community and school. We wish you all the best in your retirement.

Peggy Mages

Peggy has been at CM for 29 years. At CM, she was a special ed para for 3 years before becoming the Technology Coordinator, a position she has held for 26 years. Peggy is looking forward to "doing whatever I want, whenever I want" in retirement.

Eileen Rothmeier

Eileen has been the MS/HS Secretary at CM for 30 years, she is the first person to greet you in person and by phone. Eileen has been a constant and stable part of CM that staff, parents and students have come to depend on. Spending more time with family is what she's looking forward to the most in retirement.

Suzette Hoffbeck

Suzette has worn many hats at CM. She has been in the district office for 19 years, 6 of those years were as Business Manager and the last 13 as Payroll/Human Resources. Prior to becoming a CM employee, she was on the CM School Board for 13 years. Suzette is looking forward to visiting her daughters and their families more often and spending time with her 8 grandchildren.



Mrs. T. Miller
Elementary
Principal

Elementary News

Wow, it's hard to believe that it's the end of the school year already. We have had so many great things happen this year. I want to take a moment to say thank you to the students, families, community, and staff. Some highlights of the year include our parent conferences in both the fall and spring, our amazing Christmas concert skit for our students, our first ever book blast fundraiser where we raised

over \$23,000 in books so all of our students could bring books home, Kindergarten connection, Cedar Mountains Got Talent performances, Grandparents Day, and taking some 4th and 5th graders to compete in Math Masters. We are looking forward to celebrating the end of the year with the 4th grade state fair projects, Preschool and Kindergarten celebrations, many field trips for each grade level, and an end of year dance on May 19th!

Over the summer, take some time to recharge your batteries as you enjoy spending time with family and friends. Take time to read each night and continue to practice math facts. Connect with some community education and recreation programs that Cedar mountain has to offer and come to see us at the CatFish Days parade.

Thank you for continuing to support Cedar Mountain Schools. I look forward to next year as we continue working together in supporting students to be the best they can possibly be. I am excited to continue the work as partners in your child's education.

Elementary Student Council members did a great job working in the concession stand at the basketball game.



**WAY
TO
GO!**



SOUTH VISUAL Arts COMPETITION

Seventeen students from CM recently attended the Section 2A South Visual Arts Competition. Ten students received an Excellent rating from the painting, drawing, and ceramics category, and 2 students received Superior ratings from the ceramics category. Congratulations to all our art students who attended!

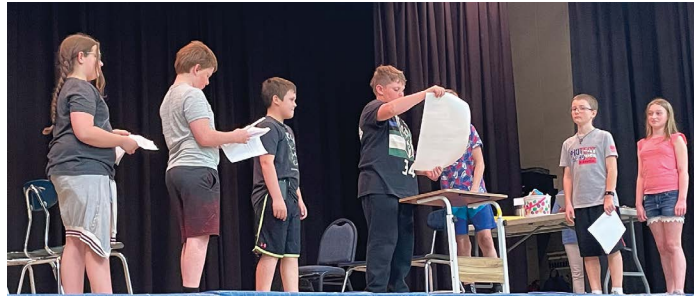
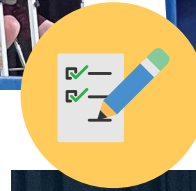


Cedar Mountain Elementary Staff are taking turns volunteering to pack bags for the "Back the Pack" program. The program provides weekly bags of food to students in Renville County.





5th Grade Student Council members presented 2 skits to help students prepare for the upcoming MCA tests. The first titled Turtle and Rabbit and the second The State Test Survivors.



4th Graders get an Intro to Band

The 4th graders recently had the opportunity to learn about band at the MSHS. Students were able to touch, feel, hold and actually try out various instruments. Mr. Root, Mrs. Eberhard, Mrs Miller and current MSHS band members were on hand to assist students. We are looking forward to these students joining the th grade band next year!



Report Cards



Elementary report cards will be mailed out to families in June. **MSHS** students can see their report cards online or call the MSHS office to request one to be mailed.

CMS Elementary Volleyball



The Cedar Mountain elementary volleyball teams wrapped up their spring season with a fantastic tournament on May 6th. These girls did a tremendous job improving their skills, learning the game, growing as teammates, developing leadership skills, and creating lifelong memories to cherish. We can't wait for more cougar volleyball!



UNDER THE SEA

SADD sponsored a dance/activity night for the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. The theme this year was "Under The Sea." They enjoyed the music by DJ Bob and the photo booth was hit as well.

SEN²⁰²³**ORS**

Congratulations



Payton Ball
SMSU
Marshall, MN



Savannah Ball
SMSU
Marshall, MN



Christian Belcher
Undecided



Elliott Cavanaugh
Bemidji State



Tim Christensen
Minnesota West
Jackson, MN



Zackary Cook
Undecided



Robert Dow-Hilliard
Undecided



Madi Eichstadt
Stewart Sch. of Cosmetology
Sioux Falls, SD



Jadon Haas
Work



Abbie Hacker
MSUM
Moorhead, MN



Trenton Hacker
Work



Keanna Hultquist
Southeast Tech College
Sioux Falls, SD



Keira Hultquist
SMSU
Marshall, MN



Jaxson Kerkhoff
Work



Jakob Kodet
Undecided



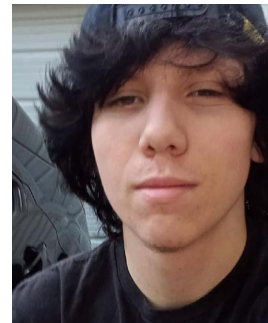
Jonah Krogstad
Concordia College
Moorhead, MN



Teresa Larsen
SMSU
Marshall, MN



Keegan Lorang
SDSU
Brookings, SD



Antonio Lujan
Minnesota
National Guard



Kiera Lund
Ridgewater Willmar, MN



Shelby Lund
Alexandria Tech College
Alexandria, MN



Matthew Malecek
Work



Nadia Meyers
Grand Canyon University
Phoenix, AZ



Max Pendleton
Undecided



Dakota Pendleton-Sam
Undecided



David Prescott
Undecided



Hunter Radermacher
South Central



Cassy Robertson
SDSU
Brookings, SD



Paige Rose
U of M
Rochester, MN



Nathan Sandgren
NDSU
Fargo, ND



Evelyn Schumacher
SMSU
Marshall, MN



Isabella Shultz
Nova Academy
Mankato, MN



Mykenna Vollmer
Southeast Tech
Sioux Falls, SD




Kaylee Volz
Undecided





Maverick Weber
Minnesota State
Mankato, MN



Lauren Welter
SDSU
Brookings, SD

 **CLASS SONG**
See You Again – Charlie Puth

CLASS COLORS
Columbia blue, navy, and silver

 **FLOWER** 
Chrysanthemum

Class Quote - Our memories of yesterday will last a lifetime. We'll take the best, forget the rest and someday we'll find these are the best of times.
– Dennis DeYoung



Seniors

Have you been admitted to multiple colleges? Make sure to let the other colleges know that you will be attending a different college but remember to thank them for the opportunity.

Juniors

Try to get some college visits in this summer and early fall, you should have an idea of what your plans are after high school; where do you want to go to college and what for? A good website that can help you with this is <https://careerwise.minnstate.edu/> Many colleges are now offering virtual tours at this time.

Commencement
Friday, June 2, 2023
7:00 pm • CM MSHS





Congratulations to our CMS FFA State Competitors

Cedar Mountain was well represented at the MN State FFA Convention held April 23-25, having 20 students that moved onto state. There were many team accomplishments and several individual successes as well.



Maverick Weber
1st in Grain Production



Addison Sullivan
State Band



Farm Business Management Team
Teresa Larsen, Nathan Sandgren, Keegan Lorang, Maverick Weber

Thank you to
FFA Advisor,
Brittany
Johnson for
the many
hours that she
puts into this
organization.



Keegan Lorang
1st in Poultry Production & Ag
Communications, 2nd in Environmental
Science & Natural Resource Management



**Maverick Weber, Kenadi Heiling, Lauren Welter,
Colette Mathiowetz and Nathan Sandgren**



Thank you for saving lives.

On April 26, the last blood drive of the year was held at the school. Our seniors did an excellent job donating blood and filling our blood drive schedule! We had 58 registered donors, 60 units collected and 11 first time donors! CM collected 206 units this year, what an exceptional accomplishment. Congratulations to Eileen Rothmeier for receiving her 6 gallon pin and Keegan Lorang who received his 1 gallon.



Cedar Mountain 8th Grade Students attended the Technology and Trades on the Prairie (TOP) Career Institute. The Career Institute is designed to create an awareness for students of all the career opportunities available in

Southwest Minnesota focused on technology and trades. The Career Institute provides unique hands-on, project based, experiential learning opportunities for students to explore, experience, and become exposed to the skills needed for our workforce, today and tomorrow. This year sessions included healthcare, law enforcement, construction, plumbing, electrical, agronomy, energy, mechanics, and so much more.



Congratulations to our Speechies



Speech team members shared their talents at subsections and advanced to sections on Saturday, April 15th in Redwood! Jonah received 4th in drama, Evelyn also earned fourth in storytelling, and Rylee placed fifth in humorous. Jonah placed 6th at sections. Congratulations!

Stages in Chick Embryo Development



The animal science class recently learned about embryology and successfully hatched 20 chicks! The Morgan preschool class was excited to take a visit down the hall to see them.



On May 16, approximately 300 5th grade students from area schools gathered at Gilfillan Estate for Ag Day. Students had a variety of stations that included touring both the Mathiowetz sheep farm and Van Nurden hog farm, and rotating stations at Gilfillan Estate where speakers shared information about agriculture that included farm safety, learning about byproducts and uses of animals.





The spring play was The Jolly Roger and the Pirate Queen by Craig Sodaro. This play had a large cast, led by the ten seniors. There were many underclassmen in the play, including 10 6th graders. The play was about Roger Goodman (Jonah Krogstad), a man who has every intention of leading a quiet life once he marries his love, Sarah Huffington (Teresa Larsen). However, she has other plans. Sarah tells her friends Kate (Paige Rose) and Belinda (Colette Mathiowetz) that she wants to find a dashing pirate. Willing to do anything for love, Roger with the help of his faithful servant George (Elliott Cavanaugh) immediately buys a ship, recruits a crew, and hires a pirate tutor, Long John Sliver (Keegan Lorang). Long John Sliver and the crew, led by Maude (Evelyn Schumacher) and Claude (Nathan Sandgren), give Roger a menacing name - Captain Blood and send him on an adventure to find gold doubloons. Sarah's parents, Lord Huffington (Rylee Haala) and Lady Emma (Lauren Welter) are also on the high seas looking for the pirate Blue Beard (Abbie Hacker) who has been plundering ships. Captain Belvedere (Nadia Meyers) is also trying to stop the pirates from attacking ships. All the ships meet on Treasure Island and chaos ensues.





in our community

Activities



Water Wednesdays

Painting in the Park



Potting Class

Redwood Water Park

Pottery Class



Como Zoo

Woodburning



Dinner & Movie

Thursday, June 15 *in Kato*



We're hitting the town for a night of food and film. Join our staff on a trip to Mankato, where we'll have a pizza dinner at Pagliai's in downtown, followed by a private showing of a movie at the Spotlight Theatre.

This event is for students entering grades 1-6.

Cost = \$20 **space is limited

***Transportation from Franklin leaves at 3:45 from the bell doors and Morgan at 4:00 pm from the cafeteria doors.*

Thursday, July 6

Disney DESCENDANTS

Stages Theater presents

A rotten to the core clash between Good and Evil! A chance at redemption sends the troublemaking offspring of Disney's evil villains to school with the children of their sworn enemies. Do they carry on their parents' wicked ways, or do they learn to be good? The generational match-up features beloved characters and hit songs from the popular Disney Channel films.

For students entering grades K-6

Cost - Free ** tickets are limited

***Transportation from morgan leaves at 10:00 am from the cafeteria doors and 10:15 am from the franklin bell doors.*

State  Tour and *mini golf*

Monday, June 19

Join us for an educational tour of the Minnesota State Capitol in St. Paul, followed by 2 rounds of miniature golf at grand slam in Burnsville.

For students in grades 1-6

Cost - Free

***Transportation from Morgan leaves at 8:15 am from the cafeteria doors and 8:30 am from the Franklin bell doors.*

Join us for Game Day

Thursday, June 22

at Target Field

Enjoy a June afternoon at Target Field as our Minnesota Twins take on the Boston Red Sox in a 12:10 contest. Cost includes transportation and great Seats in the home plate terrace section.

This event is for students entering Grade 2 and above. CM community Education will provide staffing supervision and adults are welcome to attend as well.

Cost - Free for students grades 2-7

\$35 For adults **tickets are limited

***Transportation from morgan leaves at 8:45 am from the cafeteria doors and 9:00 am from the franklin bell doors.*



Minnesota United FC Soccer

Join our staff on our first ever trek to Allianz Field in St. Paul as the MN United play a "friendly" game against FC Kaiserslautern (Germany). We'll have great seats to enjoy all the action.

This event is for students entering grade 2 and above. CM community education will provide staffing supervision and adults are welcome to attend as well.

Cost – Free for students in grades 2-7

\$35 For adults ** tickets are limited

***Transportation from Morgan leaves at 4:00 pm from the cafeteria doors and 4:15 pm from the Franklin bell doors.*



Arts Sports and ACTIVITIES

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

9AM-11:30 AM June 13-August 9

****Off July 4, 5, 18 & 19**

Tuesdays – CM Elementary (Franklin)

Wednesdays – CM MS/HS (Morgan)

Let your child explore his/her creative side through arts & crafts, get active through sports as well as a wide variety of activities in between. Every day will look a bit different in Arts, Sports, and Activities, but each will be fun.

GRADES K-6 (entering) \$40 (includes t-shirt)

***Transportation provided at 8:45 from the opposite site (office doors of ms/hs and bell doors of elementary) and returns approximately 15 minutes after class ends.*



Thursday, August 3

1:30-3:00 Reservation

Skyzone parks are full of one-of-a-kind attractions designed to push your limits, allow you to fly higher and just have tons and tons of fun. Experience 90 minutes of all the fun your heart can handle.

For students in grades 1-6

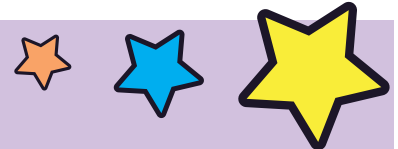
****All participants will need a skyzone waiver signed in order to attend.**

Cost = \$25

***Transportation from morgan leaves at 10:45 am from the cafeteria doors and 11:00 am from the franklin bell doors.*



Free Roller Skating in Wanda



Why walk when you can skate? We'll be rocking and rolling when we travel to Wanda for an evening of fun on wheels at their community center. This roller skating event is guaranteed to be a blast. ****You are encouraged to bring your own roller blades/skates or you may use the ones they have available.**

***Transportation from franklin will leave at 6:00 from the bell doors and morgan at 6:15 from the cafeteria doors.*



**Thursday,
July 13
7:00-9:00 PM**

Sign up for SUMMER REC activities by following the link on the school website

www.cms.mntm.org under the Community Programs tab.

Contact Jeremy Robinson if you have any questions: jrobinson@cedarmt.org or 507-249-5990



ECFE



Cedar Mountain's youngest learners had a great year! Look for more fun activities coming this fall.



Thrilling Thursday students finished up their safari session! They learned interesting facts about so many animals that live in Africa. They had so much fun with all the crafts, activities, snacks, and songs!



2023-24



CEDAR MOUNTAIN PRESCHOOL OFFERINGS

We are now taking registrations for our Cedar Mountain preschool programs in both Franklin and Morgan for the 2023-24 school year! Registration forms are available from the preschool teachers or online on the school website at www.cms.mntm.org under the Community Programs tab. If you would like more information, please contact:

Rachel Krenz – Franklin Preschool Teacher	rkrenz@cedarmt.org	557-2251
Sarah Sullivan – Morgan Preschool Teacher	ssullivan@cedarmt.org	249-5990

3 Year Old (AM) School Readiness Class

This class is offered in Franklin & Morgan and is for students who are entering Kindergarten in 2024-25.

Days & Time:	Mondays & Wednesdays from 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Cost:	\$60 per month - billed the month prior to services (scholarships are available to those who qualify)
Location:	Morgan & Franklin

4 Year Old (PM) School Readiness Class

This class is offered in Franklin & Morgan and is for students who are entering Kindergarten in 2024-25.

Days & Time:	Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 12:45 PM – 3:15 PM
Cost:	\$90 per month - billed the month prior to services (scholarships are available to those who qualify)
Location:	Morgan & Franklin

Kindergarten Jumpstart – Franklin Site

This program will be held all day every Friday in Franklin for Cedar Mountain students going to kindergarten in 2024-25. This class will help prepare your child for kindergarten by teaching various routines such as using the lunchroom, visiting specialists in other parts of the building such as Phy. Ed, computer lab, library etc., emphasis will also be on letter recognition, phonemic awareness, and math skills to prepare for the transition to kindergarten. Transportation is unique to this program, you will work with your child's teacher to plan a smooth transition for your child.

Days & Time:	Every Friday from 8:20 AM – 3:20 PM
Cost:	\$80 per month– billed the month prior to services (scholarships are available to those who qualify)



POSTAL PATRON

2023-24

CALENDAR

September 5	1st Day of School
September 29	12:10 Dismissal - All Staff In-Service
October 19 - 20	No School - EdMN
October 27	12:10 Dismissal - All Staff In-Service
November 14 & 16	Conferences - MS/HS
November 16 & 20	Conferences - Elementary
November 22	12:10 Dismissal
November 23 - 24	No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 22 - January 1	No School - Christmas Break
January 19	No School - Teacher In-Service
February 9	12:10 Dismissal - All Staff In-Service
February 19	No School - Presidents Day
February 26	12:10 Dismissal - Conferences
March 8	No School - Teacher In-Service
March 22	12:10 Dismissal
March 27 - April 1	No School - Spring Break
April 26	12:10 Dismissal - All Staff In-Service
May 27	No School - Memorial Day
May 30	12:10 Dismissal - Last Day of School
May 31	Graduation

Cedar Mountain

SUMMER

Hours

Office Hours
8:00am-3:00pm

Elementary and MSHS
offices will be closed
the month of July

All offices closed Fridays
June 9 - August 11

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