

# Lions Roar 7-1-20

## **Musings from Mrs. Stout**

Welcome to July! It's a new month full of potential and challenges. While we wait on God to see what the days ahead hold for us and our children, I think about revolution and rotation. Do you remember studying outer space as a child? We learned the nine planets and their distance from the sun. We learned how Earth is perfectly placed in outer space just the right distance from the sun – not too hot like Mercury nor too cold like Pluto. We learned Earth rotates on its axis each 24 hours causing day and night and revolves around the sun every 365 ¼ days. We learned that because of the perfect tilt of the earth on its axis, our world experiences seasons.

Rotation compares to the challenges of life we face each day. What's for dinner? Where did that (fill in the blank) disappear to? How did this house become such a mess? To do lists are filled to overflowing and yet never fully completed. The joys and struggles of each day help us be aware of God's presence with us through it all. He really cares about how we face clogged toilets and bickering children. Our struggles help us remember our need for God, and our joys show us how lovingly He provides for us.

Revolution compares to our future. At times we feel distant from the sun. We are tilted away and life seems cold and dark. Our anxieties and fears threaten to discourage us. Seasons of life can be hard no matter what the season. Summer has its thunderstorms and fire seasons. Fall has its power outages and windstorms. Winter has its blizzards and ice storms. And Spring has its new beginnings often during endless days of clouds and rain. There are seasons of great joys throughout the seasons of life too. What "floats your boat"? Summer days of playing outside, raking and jumping in Fall leaves, snow days in winter, and enjoying Spring sunshine. All these warm my heart and give me hope for the future. May the month of July be a joyful time of summer in each of your lives. Yes, there are serious issues that need to be addressed. But let's do our best to focus on the joy God has for us. Summer will be gone all too quickly, and the challenges of Fall will be upon us. So today, let's focus on the joys of summer and trust God for the future. He has great plans for each of us.

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days, when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me in earnest, you will find me when you seek me. I will be found by you," says the LORD. (Jeremiah 29:11-14a TLB)

## **Tuition Calculation Form**

Don't forget to return your tuition calculation form to the office before July 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **Summer Hours**

Summer office hours are Wednesdays, from 9:00-1:00. If you need assistance outside of those hours feel free to leave a message at 360-736-7657 or email [office@centraliachristianschool.org](mailto:office@centraliachristianschool.org).

## Community Service

### **Summer Tutoring in Rochester**

Reading/Spelling/Writing for grades K- adult, Math for grades K-5. Reasonable rates, online or one-on-one in-home tutoring studio just 2.7 miles from Rochester Primary. Contact Carol Irwin at 360-273-0973 or [carolirwin360@gmail.com](mailto:carolirwin360@gmail.com). She also offers Instructional Coaching for homeschool families and free dyslexia workshops for parents.

### **Free Meals**

“Our Nation’s Ministries” have food boxes available every Saturday and individual deliveries are an option as well. Contact the ministry office at 360-807-4337 for more information.