



*The Falcon*  
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**CHRIST – FOCUSED LEARNING**  
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**MIDDLE SCHOOLERS AT CAMP ROGER**

The FCS 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students concluded SEED Week with a two-day overnight retreat at Camp Roger near Rockford, Michigan. These days focused on team-building, small group devotionals, some great group games (Have you ever played “Giants, Wizards, and Elves”?), a three-mile hike through the woods, and time on the high ropes and climbing wall. We were accompanied by some of our small group leaders and enjoyed a plethora of snacks provided by parents. If you want to know more, talk with a middle schooler and ask them about the monkey and the coconut story, bandanas, or “Ninja.”



**7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MEAPS**

MEAP assessments begin next week. These are spread out over three weeks so that students can continue to focus on their regular studies during this period of time. We do not teach toward the MEAP's and we use them predominately as a comparison of how our students are doing in relation to other 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students throughout the State of Michigan. A handout will be given to all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students today, and an attachment of the handout is included with this edition of *The Falcon* for parents. Please do not hesitate to call the office if you have any questions.

**FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS**

As you have been hearing in many news reports, we are moving into flu season. Flu is a serious contagious disease and many say that this flu season could be worse than others. Please do not allow your children to come to school if they are exhibiting the following symptoms:

- 1) fever (usually high);
  - 2) headache;
  - 3) extreme tiredness;
  - 4) dry cough;
  - 5) runny or stuffy nose;
  - 6) muscle aches;
  - 7) sore throat;
  - 8) vomiting;
  - 9) sometimes diarrhea.
- We will be sending home a four-page handout with each of your children today from the CDC entitled “Take 3 Steps to fight the flu.” Please take time to read this handout to help you protect your children and others from the flu.

Thank you!

**THANK-YOU OPEN HOUSE**

We are on the final steps of completing the first stage of our consolidated building renovations. We are planning an open house in which we hope to open the building to the community and to say special thanks to all who have given of their time and treasure during recent months. Watch for details about this open house which will take place some time in November.

**HARVEST PARADE**

Last Thursday was the Fremont Harvest Festival parade. Thanks to Andy Cummings who provided a tractor and wagon. We had many students and parents representing our school and Christian education in Newaygo County!



