

# Perspective

Discover the Difference Fall 2018



Byron Center Christian School



# PURE

# Worship

Do you ever get 'that feeling' when singing in church, attending a concert, or even during your morning prayer - a rush through your body, sometimes even goosebumps, while worshiping in the presence of God? Every Thursday when second grade has worship time, that is exactly what one can experience.

As Christians, we are called to worship daily. At Byron Center Christian School, that is one aspect (of many) of a quality Christian education. Everything must start and end in Christ.

Mrs. VanWieren commented that sometimes worship occurs within a daily lesson, but other times it takes place by design. In a similar fashion, Bible is taught as a specific

subject, but Bible is also present and prevalent in every subject. Teachers purposefully work to craft an environment where worship can happen not only during devotions or chapel, but also when exploring math, science, and social studies.

As adults, we sometimes have an inhibition or timidity when we come to worship (which is an entirely different discussion), but our second grade students do not. Every Thursday morning, the entire grade gathers in one room to sing praise together. There is no hi-tech sound system, no fancy lighting, and sometimes not even an instrumental accompaniment. However, when you walk by Mrs. Battjes' classroom, you will encounter one of the most pure forms of worship brought before our Lord and Savior. The kids are singing their hearts out to their Creator. There is no inhibition or worry about how they sound, but just powerful, authentic worship. **There is no way to describe what is taking place, but it is absolutely beautiful.** Simply put, the second grade students are fulfilling what God created them to do. And while our teachers encourage and lead this time, it is God working in each of their hearts. **It is our hope and prayer that He will continue to provide us opportunities for pure worship of Him.**

"THE KIDS ARE  
SINGING THEIR  
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*Creator."*

## IMPORTANT DATES



### Preschool Grandparents Day

Tuesday, November 13 &  
Wednesday, November 14

### Preschool-Kindergarten Christmas Program

December 19  
*First CRC of Byron Center*

### 1st & 2nd Grade Concert

December 11—*Heritage CRC*

### Christmas Break

December 24-January 4

### Preschool Open House

January 16

### Winter Break

February 15 - February 18





2018-19 THEME

# RESCUED

While Teaching for Transformation (TfT) has helped teachers introduce throughline themes in the classrooms for students, our 8th grade theme team still had the opportunity to choose our school verse and song for the 2018-2019 school year. The verse they selected is 2 Timothy 1:7, which reads “For the Spirit of God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline.” The school song is “Rescuer” by Rend Collective.

The verse is a powerful reminder that not only is God walking with us, but also He equips us with the tools we need to faithfully serve him. As a school, we want our students to know that God gives love, power, and self-discipline and His spirit helps them practice those things on a daily basis. It is not always easy to see God’s large plan for our life, but using Timothy as a reminder can help us focus on the simple tasks of loving those

around us, being disciplined in our faith walk, and influencing with Christ-like power.

Corresponding with the verse is the popular Rend Collective song that talks about how Christ has rescued each of us. In one of the verses, it calls listeners to **“come and be chainless, come and be fearless,”** which fits with what Timothy says about living with power and self-discipline. It is important for students of all ages to know that everyone (including ourselves) will remain chained in sin unless we turn to Christ.

**Realizing that we need to be rescued allows us, in turn, to point others to Jesus.**

Here at Byron Center Christian School, we are excited to see how God uses our school (students, staff, parents, and supporters) to help us develop the self-discipline to grow in faith, love deeply, and influence powerfully.





Every year, Parents' Club partners with teachers to schedule a day of school service that we have fittingly named Serving our Savior (SOS) Day. On the morning of the first Friday in October, students completed projects on campus and traveled to local organizations to serve. This event is an important part of our annual calendar for two reasons.

First, as a Christian school, we are committed not only to teaching students about Christ, but also to equipping them for service in this world. The Bible continually tells us that our faith calls us to action and James 2 reassures us that the fruit of our faith is our works. All our students are unique, each having their own passions. We know some of them will impact their family community, others their church community, and even more their work in the communities they live in. Whether it is serving at Dégagé, helping at the Buist Community Center, or going on a mission trip, we want our students to be the hands and feet of Christ to Byron Center and beyond.

"BY THIS ALL PEOPLE WILL  
KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY  
DISCIPLES, IF YOU HAVE  
LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER."

**JOHN 13:35, ESV**

Second, the day serves as a primary fundraiser for our Parents' Club. The funds raised support a variety of needs here at BCCS, all directly tied to the mission of our school. Parents' Club supports many activities to directly reduce the cost of education for families. This includes everything from classroom supplies (large and small), technological improvements, small tokens of teacher appreciation, and much more. We are grateful that parents, grandparents, churches, businesses, and other community members have partnered with us for the last 101 years to ensure we can provide the highest quality Christian education here at BCCS. More importantly, we are grateful for the opportunity to serve our Savior.

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For we are God's  
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in Christ Jesus  
to do good works,  
which God prepared  
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**EPHESIANS 2:10**



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