

Every quarter, CMMS will be featuring a family in our school on our website. We think it's important for all to see how music is such an integral and valued part of so many lives.



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The Borst Family

“Grounded in their faith, and on the go” is a good way to describe the Borst family, our featured family for the fall semester at CMMS. Members of a nondenominational Christian church in their hometown of Monticello, the Borst family puts their faith first in everything they do, including choosing careers, education (homeschooling) - and in their music and dance activities. Steve Borst, who works at the Bondhus Corporation is obviously a big family man, and a proud father of four beautiful children. And mom, Kim Borst is a very busy mother whose fascinating and youthful background in percussion qualifies her to be the musical director of the home. From there, the Borsts, all with big smiles, include:

Erin, who is 20 and, having flown the nest, is studying photography at Hennepin Technical College. Unfortunately, we didn't get to meet her but the picture above is her handiwork!

A senior in high school, Elizabeth is 17, one of the drum players in the family and a member of the St. Cloud Home School Band at CMMS. She's also been dancing since the age of 11, and has very high standards for her dance experience, as she plans to teach dance herself. What really attracted her to the CMMS dance program was mostly our program Director/Instructor Julia Tehven-Sutton who, according to Elizabeth, “teaches for the pure love of dance,” and with no other motivation than that - along with her expert knowledge of dance. Add to that, a terrific “live pianist” (Jessica Heim - student of Dr. Wirth) for in-class training, and the CMMS Dance Program puts a real bounce into Elizabeth's climb up our stairs every week.

Next in the Borst family lineup is Tori, who is almost 15. Tori plays percussion too, but she also likes to draw, and is an accomplished rock climber - which no doubt keeps her in the top physical condition which she appears to be in. And the youngest is Josiah, who at the age of 12 is in the 6th grade and plays the guitar - for which he writes his own songs. While he didn't have his guitar in tow, he obviously would play it for anyone at the drop of a hat - starting with his latest song, “I Know.”

And that rounds out the Borst family ... except for one thing which most folks don't know about them; They love watching Andy Griffith re-runs. And that really got me smiling - because our family loves Andy Griffith too! You really can't hang around the Borsts without smiling, and that's just one reason we're glad they're at Central Minnesota Music School!!



Featured Family

