

Christ Lutheran School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Friends of Christ Lutheran School,

Last March, one of our teachers spoke to me about several responses she received from a note she sent home to the parents of her students. The note spoke about the upcoming achievement testing that was to take place and what parents could do to help their child do his or her best. She received an unusual number of responses compared to her regular weekly note. She was surprised and pleased as to the level of involvement of the parents. In fact, she said to me, "I wish my parents would have been this involved from the beginning."

Therefore, I am writing you now and encouraging you to be involved in your child's education. Help create good habits now, don't wait until the spring achievement tests. Encourage your child to make wise use of his time at school and to get right on the homework when he gets home. Look over your child's work to make sure they are doing the entire assignment, doing it neatly and to the best of their ability. But, make sure they are doing the work – don't do it for them. Teach them to care about the quality of the work they do. Help them study for tests. Set a realistic schedule for them which will allow them to get plenty of rest, a good, nutritious breakfast and be at school on time or even a bit early.

Creating good study habits is one of the most important things a parent can do for his or her child.

God's Blessings,
Mr. Mooney



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

HIGHLIGHTS

Casual Day on Friday, September 3

Labor Day – No School on Monday, September 6

School Pictures on Thursday, September 9

\$2.00 Casual Day on Friday, September 17

Pizza Day on Friday, September 24

CASUAL DAYS The first Friday of each month is "Casual Day". Students and staff may wear non-uniform clothing and shoes to school. The third Friday of each month is "\$2.00 Casual Day". On these Fridays non-uniform clothing may also be worn for a donation of \$2.00. As always, clothing worn to school must be decent and in good taste.

NEWSLETTER MAILING Each month we will email the newsletter to you. It will also be available on the school's website (www.clspeoria.org). If you don't have a computer, we will send the newsletter home with your child. If you have other family members who would like to receive the newsletter, call us or send in the necessary information.

SCHOOL PICTURES will be taken on Thursday, September 9th. Mark your calendar for this special day and remember that students can wear non-uniform clothing as long as it is dressier than their school uniform. This is not a casual day. Don't forget that siblings are welcome as well. Order forms will be sent home on September 6th or 7th.





AUCTION HELP IS NEEDED CLS will host an auction and dinner on Saturday, November 20th at the Holiday Inn, City Centre. There are several ways you could help:

- Join the auction committee.
- Donate or help us secure a donation that can be auctioned off (restaurant gift cards, hotel stays, automotive services, Bradley game tickets, paintings, etc.).
- Make a cash donation.
- Sponsor a table at the event.
- Attend the dinner and auction.
- Share the names of businesses that might be willing to support the event.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES We are in need of help in several areas:

1. We need parking lot supervision at dismissal from 2:00 to 2:15 p.m. on Mondays and from 3:00 to 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday. The safety patrol will take over for 2nd dismissal. This would count toward your volunteer hours. You could do all five days or split the days with someone else.
2. We need parents to help make phone calls and/or deliver auction letters to businesses. We are seeking donations and sponsorships. Can you help?

CHAPEL AND LUNCH AT CLS All chapel services begin at 10:00 a.m. You are welcome to join us, sit with your child or grandchild and join our school family for lunch following the service.

...AND SPEAKING OF CHAPEL Each week your child will have the opportunity to bring an offering for our chapel service. Various mission projects are chosen to receive our offerings. Last year for the months of April and May our students and staff donated \$650.00 to Bibles for China. China has a population of 1.2 billion people and only about 1% have ever heard the name of our Lord Jesus. The organization, Bibles for China, has been able to produce a paper-back copy of the scriptures written in Chinese for about \$1.00 per copy. These Bibles will provide reliable

theological and religious material to seminaries, Bible Schools, Lay Training Center and individual leaders. Well done CLS parents and students for your part in this important mission. Watch your child's Monday/Tuesday folders for notes regarding current chapel offering projects.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR BAND Did you know:



- After 6 months of music lessons, those children who received music training performed 34% higher on tests that measure an understanding of space and time relationships than those with music training.
- Music enhances children's reasoning skills necessary for learning math and science. Those who studied music four or more years scored 60 points higher on verbal and 41 points higher on math portions of the SAT.
- Playing a musical instrument will improve your child's hand-eye coordination. These findings suggest that music enhances higher brain functions.

We are fortunate to have an excellent music program at CLS that includes Mr. Bernie Potter as our band instructor. Band is open to students in grades 4-8 and lessons are given twice weekly during the regular school day. Call the school office for more information or come the the parents meeting on Wednesday, September 1st between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

DRESS CODE REMINDERS Remember to review the dress code before you make purchases of school clothing for your children. The staff is responsible for enforcing the dress code and we appreciate your help.

HONOR ROLL Now is the time to start thinking about being a CLS honor roll student. Numerous businesses reward good report cards.

APPLICATIONS FOR FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEALS were given out at registration. If you believe you qualify and have not returned yours, please do so as soon as possible. We must have a new application each school year.

LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PRICES Meal prices are \$1.75 for breakfast and \$2.50 for lunch. Each meal comes with one milk. Extra servings of milk or milk with cold lunches are 30¢ each. We operate an electronic web-based tracking system for lunch. You can put any amount you wish in your child's meal account and money will be subtracted as they purchase meals. Your child's lunch account activity and balance is available to you at any time by going to the "fees" section on Teacher Ease. Also, please note that seconds cost 35¢ per item.

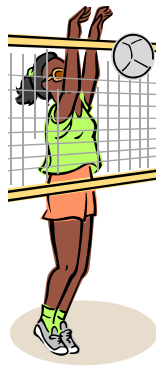
YEARBOOKS Our yearbooks are here. If you didn't pre-order now is your chance to have a copy of those school memories. If you would like a copy, it can be purchased in the office for \$19.00.



GARAGE SALE A big thank you to Sandy Wyss and everyone who made donations, helped set up or worked during our sale. The PTL earned \$2159.09! Our garage sale is an annual event.

Keep it in mind and if you want to make a donation for next year's sale, call Sandy Wyss at 712-3624. Great job everyone!

OUR FALL FUNDRAISER began on Thursday, August 26th. We ask all of you to support this effort to the best of your ability as it is the major fundraiser of our school year. **Orders are due on Tuesday, September 14th.** Call or stop in the office if you need additional order forms. There are some fantastic individual prizes for students.



VOLLEYBALL players have begun practicing as they prepare for their first game. September home games are scheduled on the following dates:

Thu	Sep	2	Home vs Good Shepherd JV at 4:30 / Varsity at 5:30
Thu	Sep	9	Home vs Bethel, Morton JV at 4:30 / Varsity at 5:30
Sat	Sep	25	Home vs Springfield Teams JV at 9:30 / 11:30 / 1:30 Varsity at 10:30 / 12:30 / 2:30
Tue	Sep	27	Home vs Concordia JV at 4:30 / Varsity at 5:30
Thu	Sep	30	Home vs Trinity, Bloomington JV at 5:00 / Varsity at 6:00

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT October is just a month away and we need help as we will be hosting 32 teams playing 73 volleyball matches at two different sites. The dates of our 21st Annual Volleyball Tournament are October 8-10, 2010. Help is needed in the kitchen, the snack bar and concession stand, selling tickets and t-shirts, security and much more. Call the school office if you can give us a hand.

SCRIP Don't forget to see Mary Ryan to get scrip coupons which can be used at a number of grocery stores, gas station, restaurants, and retail establishments in the Peoria area. The school earns a percentage of the face value of each certificate **and you can apply half of that percentage to your school bills – registration fees and tuition.**

SPIRIT WEAR We have spirit wear available for purchase in the school office. The sweatshirts are "legal" for school uniforms. Sweatshirts are \$25.00 and right now we especially have a good selection of volleyball items.

UNIFORM STORE Don't forget that we have a uniform resale program at school. You are encouraged to donate outgrown but still good uniform clothing. You may "shop" for items as well. Call the school office or Christel VandeVoorde for more information.

IMMUNIZATIONS are important. All children entering kindergarten or sixth grade are required to have a physical exam form on file. All children entering kindergarten, second or sixth grade are required to have a dental exam before the end of the school year. All children entering kindergarten are required to have an eye exam. Please make sure your children have all immunizations required by the State of Illinois. These include polio, MMR, DTP and hepatitis B, and chicken pox. For more information contact:



The Peoria City / County Health Dept.

2116 N. Sheridan Road
679-6000 or 679-6059

DO YOU SHOP AT OFFICE DEPOT? If you do, be sure to mention our school ID # (70034099) when you check out.

PLEASE SAVE AND SEND INTO SCHOOL:

- Used ink jet and laser printer cartridges
- Campbell's and Campbell's Cousins labels and proofs of purchase
- General Mills Boxtops for Education
- Old cell phones

CLS TRIVIA NIGHT What is a trivia night? It is an evening of fun and fellowship that will test your knowledge of movies, old TV shows, history, music, the Bible and more. Although final plans have not been completed, the date is tentatively set for Friday, October 22nd. For more information call Bonnie Hester at 676-1596. A flier will be sent home with each student as the date approaches.



SCOUTING NEWS On Wednesday, September 1st there will be a meeting in the school library for anyone interested in scouting at Christ Lutheran School. The meeting will be held from 5:30-7:00 p.m. If your child would like to be involved in scouting, please come and find out what may be available.

This is also another opportunity to earn volunteer hours if you are interested in helping out with a Cub, Brownie or Boy Scout troop.



PARKING LOT SAFETY



1. Please drive slowly – children do not always remember to look!



2. Only park in spaces that are lined parking spaces. Parking outside of lined spaces makes it hard for others to drive through the lot.



3. Only park in Handicapped spaces if you have handicapped plates or hanging placards – you could be fined if you do not have either.



4. Watch for children running between cars – even though we have crossing guards, some children do tend to escape at times.



5. Please watch for the crossing guards and children crossing at both cross walks (one in the parking lot and one on the main road).



6. You could also pick up your older children (5th-8th graders) in front of the school on Faraday.



7. Please always remember safety of our children is first. This is a school parking lot. Slow down, look, listen, watch and be patient and courteous toward pedestrians and other drivers.

SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN FIRST!

THE CLS PARENT VOLUNTEER

PROGRAM is in its second year. Each school family's parents are required to volunteer a certain number of hours each semester. These hours will be tracked and logged by the specific PTL member in charge of each event. The number of volunteer hours is determined by calculating the total number of hours needed for each event each semester. Volunteer forms were handed out at registration. If you have not yet filled yours out please do so and return it to school. Additional forms are available in the school office. Please remember that a \$250.00 fee will be assessed if you choose not to participate.

GOLF OUTING REVIEW Thanks to those who helped with or participated in our 11th annual outing. The golfing was great, the auction ran smoothly, and the dinner was fantastic. We are already making plans for next year. We will have both a morning and an afternoon session for golfing which means we are in need of more golfers. Ask your friends and co-workers if they would like to join us. Next year's date is Saturday, July 16th. Call the school office for more information.

