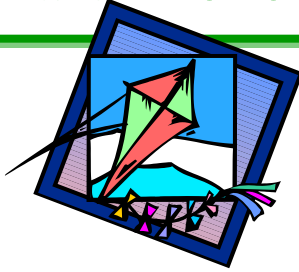


# Christ Lutheran School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Friends of Christ Lutheran School,

During the month of March we celebrate a weeklong recognition of “National Lutheran Schools Week” (March 1-5). Whether or not you are Lutheran, I hope you appreciate the value of Lutheran schools. This year’s theme is “Securing Each Child’s Future – for a life of service” and is based on 1 Corinthians 12:5. How does Christ Lutheran School help secure your child’s future? Students at CLS learn math and science, language and grammar, reading and spelling, history and music and lots more. But more importantly, they learn of their future in the Lord! No matter whether they become doctors or nurses, pilots or policemen, our eternal life depends on whether or not we believe in our Lord Jesus as our Savior. As John 3:16 says, “For God so loved the world that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life”. That’s a future worth learning about!

God’s blessings,  
Terry Mooney



## MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

**Wed, March 3 – Family Day (3-5)**

**Fri, March 12 – Casual Day / Splash Pictures  
I.G.S.M.A. Music Contests**

**Thu, March 18 – Enrollment Meeting 6:00 P.M.**

**Fri, March 26 - \$2.00 Casual Day**

**OPEN HOUSE / ACADEMIC FAIR** We thank all who put so much effort into a successful open house and academic fair. The classrooms were fun and interesting.

- Kate Rudebeck and Tony Rudebeck provided a wonderful meal while Darla Heuermann and Deb Brown and their crew of volunteers did a great job of setting up, serving and cleaning up.

- Our 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders had some very creative computer projects and power point presentations and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students had some interesting ideas for simple machines.
- The last event of the evening was our annual spelling bee. We want to thank Mrs. Teske for coordinating this event. Connor (7<sup>th</sup> grade) was this year’s winner and Bryce (6<sup>th</sup> grade) was runner-up. Connor will compete in the Journal Star City Finals on WEEK-TV on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. You can see him on WEEK-TV on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Congratulations to all who participated.

National Lutheran Schools Week 2010



**NATIONAL  
LUTHERAN  
SCHOOLS WEEK**  
**– AN OLYMPIC  
EFFORT FOR  
ESPAÑOL!** Our  
students will

participate in several service projects throughout the week as we give thanks to God for the blessings of Lutheran Schools. In addition to the service projects, our students will be participating in “One Dime at a Time” this week. Classes complete against each other as we raise as much money as possible for the week. Last year the students donated \$1,134.65. This year all profits will go to help purchase a Spanish curriculum for our students! We will also enjoy the following special days:

Monday – Jersey Day (support your favorite college or pro team)

Tuesday – Shorts Day

Wednesday – Class Color Day (each class will have a specific color to wear)

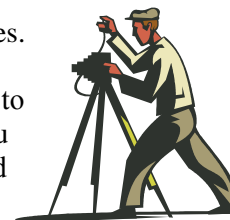
Thursday – Mismatch Day

Friday – School Spirit Day – (blue, black and white / tourney t’s / spirit wear)

**IT IS ALREADY TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT NEXT YEAR.** We will have our annual Enrollment Meeting for new families on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. This is for preschool parents, for all kindergarten families and/or families who have a “new student” in 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. If you know of anyone interested in sending their children to Christ Lutheran, please share this information with them and have them call the school office.

**SPLASH PICTURES Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> is Casual Day and Splash Picture Day.** You need not prepay for the pictures as you do for the fall pictures. A couple of weeks after the pictures are taken you will receive a “proof” to look at and may order pictures if you wish. If you don’t like the proof and do not wish to order, simply return the proof to school. There is no cost or obligation for having the picture taken. Please note the following guidelines:

1. Students may bring props – a basketball, favorite toy or stuffed animal, etc. with which to have their picture taken.
2. The photographer will be happy to take siblings together.
3. Students may have their picture taken with a pet. Parents must bring the pet to school. Pictures that include live animals will receive priority. Parents must take the pet home as soon as the photo is finished. Pets may not be brought into the classrooms or left at school.
4. The photographer requests that parents okay group photos (other than siblings) ahead of time and indicate a willingness to purchase the pictures if the proofs are good quality.



**SPRING FUNDRAISER** We just kicked off our annual spring fundraiser. Students have order forms offering a number of delicious frozen pizzas, pies and other items. Order forms are due by Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and delivery is scheduled for Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Mooney recommends the horseradish cheese spread.

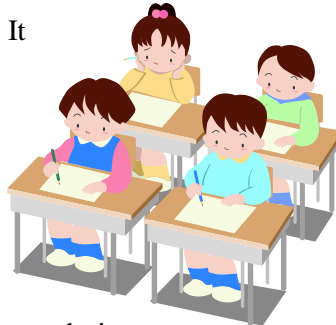
**BLACK HISTORY** Special thanks to Cynthia Lomax-Carter and all who planned and participated in the Black History activities. Students and staff enjoyed a great lunch and an excellent assembly, informative bulletin boards and ethnic foods were enjoyed by all. Thanks to Mrs. Yvonne Booth for preparing all the wonderful special dishes for our meal. We also had an assembly which featured a skit presented by the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders, and our special guest speaker was Mr. Larry Whisker of the Tri-County Urban League.



**SAVABLES** Students bringing in at least 10 items get a sucker! Keep sending Campbell's labels, Boxtops for Education, ink jet and laser cartridges and old cell phones.

## CLS Sports Report

**ACHIEVEMENT TESTS** It seems that we just started the school year and already it is time to plan achievement testing. Students in grades 3-8 will be testing the week of March 29<sup>h</sup>-April 2<sup>ND</sup>. Don't forget that adequate rest and a good breakfast are especially important during testing week.



**TOURNAMENT THANK YOU** Thanks to all the great volunteers who helped with our basketball tournament. Your efforts helped make this year's tournament one of the best ever. Our visitors truly appreciated the friendliness and hospitality they were shown. Our own Christ Lutheran Comets finished 2<sup>nd</sup> to Immanuel, Palatine who won the championship. Two of our players, Kourion M. and David H. were named to the All-tournament Team. Zion, Belleville won the cheerleading competition. The free-throw competition was won by Dakota G. of Cross, Yorkville and the three-point champion was Sean McPherson of Trinity, Davenport.

**LENTEN WORSHIP** Feel free to join us as we gather at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays for Lenten worship and for lunch at the school afterwards. There will be no service on March 31<sup>st</sup> during Holy Week. We will have a 10:00 a.m. Maundy Thursday worship service on April 1<sup>st</sup> and a noon Good Friday service on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. School will dismiss at 1:15 p.m. on Good Friday. Classes will resume on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> after Easter break.

**HAVE YOU GOT SPIRIT?** We know our students do, especially the 8<sup>th</sup> graders and the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. They recently won the "victory cry paddles" for displaying the most school spirit during the pep assembly to kick off our basketball tournament.



**I.G.S.M.A.** Several of our band and choral students will be participating in the Illinois Grade School Music Association contests at the ICC East Peoria Campus on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Why not come to ICC and watch and listen to our kids perform!

**BASKETBALL ALMOST OVER** With the exception of our varsity boys, all of our teams have wrapped up their seasons. We want to thank all of the coaches and parents who worked with our students and supported their efforts by selling tickets, working in the snack bar and cheering for our teams!

- The varsity girls recently won the Consolation bracket at the Trinity, Springfield tournament.
- **Our boys will be going to the STATE 2010 tournament this weekend, March 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. Go, Comets!**

**UNIFORMS DUE** All basketball uniforms should be turned in no later than Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure put a sticky note with your name on it so we'll know whose it is. Uniforms should be taken to Mrs. Mooney's room.

**SPRING SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT** Our awards night has been moved to Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Awards for boys and girls basketball will be given out that evening.

**SPRING VOLLEYBALL** Spring Volleyball Season has begun. Our first match is on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> vs Holy Family. We have home games on:

Thu Mar 25 vs St. Thomas at 5:00 and 6:00  
Mon Mar 29 vs Concordia at 4:30 and 5:30

Come on out and catch the action!

**LIBRARY NOTES** Mrs. Symonds would like to thank everyone who came to the book fair during our open house. It was a huge success and earned a bunch of new books for our library. Thanks especially to Mrs. Dawn Magnusson who chaired the book fair for us.

**BAND NOTES** What great contributions the Band students have been making musically in the last few days. Their performance at the Chapel Service on February 10<sup>th</sup> and their playing before the opening Basketball Tournament game on February 19<sup>th</sup> were both well done and I am proud of them. Keep up the good work!! Upcoming events for the band students are as follows:



**March 12<sup>th</sup> – Selected students will be at the IGSM Solo and Ensemble Contests at ICC.**

Several of our students are working on solos and ensembles that they will play for a judge. Parents and friends are welcome to attend and watch the performances. We have not received a time schedule as yet, but events will run from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. Students should dress very nicely. Parents will provide transportation. Parents should pick up their students after their last event.

**April 12<sup>th</sup> – Fine Arts Fair, Peoria Courthouse,**

**11:00 a.m.** The Concert Band and the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ensemble will perform as well as the Travel Choir in the Courthouse Square downtown. The students will wear black pants and white shirts and will need money to purchase lunch from the vendors or bring a sack lunch with them that day.

**May 18<sup>th</sup> – Spring Concert at Christ Lutheran**

**6:00 p.m.** All band students – Concert Band, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ensemble and Beginning Band – as well as the Travel Choir and the Bell Choir will present their spring concert.

**ALMOST 3/4 DONE!** The end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter is Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Report cards will be handed out the following week.