

Christ Lutheran School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Friends of Christ Lutheran School,

August is here which means the first day of school is just around the corner. The staff is busy making preparations for the beginning of school and although we enjoy the summer break, we miss the students and parents. We are excited about the coming school year and the opportunities that God provides - opportunities to grow and develop both academically and spiritually. We look forward to working with you as together we provide a quality Christian education for your child.

REGISTRATION DAY: Registration for the 2011-2012 School Year will be in **Gym A** on Monday, August 22nd from 7:30-9:30 a.m. and from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

PARENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM: The Day School Board has voted to institute a fee of \$250 per family for those who choose not to participate in the volunteer program. This fee will be assessed to member and non-member families alike. Details of the program are contained later in the newsletter and there will be sign-up opportunities at registration.

God's Blessings,
Terry Mooney



ALWAYS AVAILABLE ON THE WEB! You can get all the information you need on our web site at clspeoria.org.

There is a form with tuition prices and payment options, a school supply list, the calendar for the school year and the 2011-2012 choir schedule. Along with the newsletter each month we publish a calendar and the breakfast and lunch menus.

REGISTRATION NEWS Monday, August 22nd is the big day. Registration for the 2011-2012 school year will be held in Gym A from 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. and from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. If you have not already done so, you should be prepared at that time to pay your registration fee of \$150 for each child in the family. You may also purchase lunch and breakfast cards, fill out forms, and gather lots of information for the school year (calendar, choir schedule, extended care, band, etc.). The teachers will be in their classrooms and you are encouraged to bring your child/ren and visit the classrooms.

THE SCHOOL CALENDAR AND THE CHOIR SCHEDULE FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR, will be HANDED OUT AT REGISTRATION.

REQUIRED PURCHASES Bibles and Catechisms will be available for purchase at \$10.00 for Bibles and \$11.00 for catechisms each at registration. All students in 2ND – 8TH grade are required to have an ESV Bible, and students in 6TH – 8TH grade will need a catechism. **Student planners costing \$3.50 each** are required for students in grades 4TH – 8TH grade and will be handed out in the classrooms. They are to be paid for at registration. **PE Uniforms** are required for 6th – 8th grade students and may be ordered at registration.

SCHOOL BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24TH AT 8:15 A.M. PLEASE NOTE THAT WE DISMISS AT 1:00 P.M. EACH DAY OF THE FIRST WEEK.

Beginning on Monday, August 29th the daily schedule will be as follows: Doors open at 8:00 a.m. and classes begin at 8:15 a.m. Monday - Friday. Dismissal times are:

Monday	Tuesday – Friday
Grades K-4 at 2:05 p.m.	Grades K-4 at 3:05 p.m.
Grades 5-8 at 2:15 p.m.	Grades 5-8 at 3:15 p.m.

CLS GARAGE SALE We hope you will join us for our 8th annual CLS Garage Sale. We hope to have lots of bargains for those of you who love a great deal! Also, we are in need of donations. If you have any items to donate, you can drop them off at the school from 9:00-4:00 weekdays or you can call Sandy Wyss (712-3624) to arrange a pick-up. **If you can help set-up, work the sale or clean up, please call Sandy. Help is desperately needed and it does count toward your volunteer hour requirements.** The sale will be open at these times:

Thursday	August 18 th	8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Friday	August 19 th	8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Saturday	August 20 th	8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

DRESS CODE NEWS Remember that all shirts must be a solid color with any designer logos being no larger than a quarter. All shirts must have a collar and must be buttoned and tucked in. I also want to remind parents that some summer haircuts or hair styles may not be allowed once school starts. Our policy says, “There are to be no exotic hairstyles. Boys’ hair is to be collar length or shorter with no braids, tails, or lettering cut into the hair.” Also, please remember that shorts are to

be walking or dress shorts. No athletic shorts are allowed. No denim or corduroy materials are allowed. Shorts may have only 4 normal sized pockets and must not have rivets or loops. Boys are to wear belts. Shorts and skirts should have a minimum inseam length of 6 inches. Skirt or short length is measured by having your daughter put her hands at her sides. If the skirt length is higher than her fingertips, it is too short.

APPLICATIONS FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS will be available on registration day. Please be prepared to fill out the application completely and accurately. Parents should bring pay stubs to help ensure being able to complete the application correctly. Applications must be filled out annually, so even if you qualified last year, we need a new application. **FAMILIES WHO RECEIVE DIRECT CERTIFICATION** by the State of Illinois no longer receive a letter in the mail. The school office will pull direct certifications from the State’s secure website.

HEALTH RECORD REQUIREMENTS

A number of things have changed in Illinois over the last few years. Following is a list of the current requirements: Physical Exam - Not more than 12 months prior to the beginning of the child’s kindergarten and sixth grade school years. Please note that this is a change from prior years when the requirement was upon entering fifth grade. Dental Exam – Before May 15th of the child’s kindergarten, second grade and sixth grade school years. Eye Exam – Before October 15th of the child’s kindergarten school year; also required for any child entering school in Illinois for the first time regardless of grade placement. Immunizations - Illinois requires immunizations for polio, MMR (measles, mumps and rubella), DPT (tetanus), hepatitis B, and chicken pox. For more information call: **The Peoria City / County Health Dept. 2116 N. Sheridan Road 679-6000 or 679-6059**

Information about upcoming immunization clinics is available on our website.

DON’T THROW IT AWAY! Give it to Mrs. Schneider. She needs gallon ice cream buckets.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - The “CLS Parent Service Program is enters its third year in 2011-2012. Each school family will be 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 per event for each semester. A PTL member will be at registration to explain the program and sign up parents for their volunteer hours. This program is designed to fairly distribute volunteer hours required for our children’s school activities and events. This can be a very positive and enjoyable experience for everyone. **Please remember if you choose not to participate a \$250.00 fee will be assessed. VOLUNTEERS MAKE THINGS HAPPEN!**

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN as you shop garage sales. The school is in need of forks, spoons, towels, rags, high chairs, booster seats, and nice baskets for our auction.



SPEAKING OF OUR AUCTION - SAVE THE DATE AND PURCHASE A TICKET Our 2nd annual CLS auction will be held on Saturday, October 29th at the Four Points by Sheraton (formerly the Holiday Inn City Centre). Plan on

joining us for an evening of fun, fellowship and good deals. Tickets are available in the school office. If you would like to help our committee obtain donations or sponsors, please call Mr. Mooney.

YEARBOOKS for the past school year (2010-2011) are available. They will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis for those who did not prepay at the end of last school year. The cost is \$19.00.

PEORIA CHIEFS We have four dates in August – the 3rd, the 7th, the 13th and 14th – when we run a concession stand at the Peoria Chiefs game. You can knock off some of your volunteer hours and catch a little baseball between serving up nachos and dip ‘n dots. Call the school office or Deb Brown (682-5917) to volunteer.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WITH THOSE SCHOOL UNIFORMS THAT NO LONGER FIT YOUR CHILD? If you have school uniform clothing items that are no longer needed, the PTL would like to offer them at this year’s Uniform Resale. The Uniform Resale allows many CLS families the opportunity to purchase nice, school clothing at a minimal cost. As always, in emergency situations the uniforms are provided at no cost. You may drop off the uniform clothing at the school office on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please phone ahead if you plan to stop by at a different time. A donation receipt will be provided upon request. If you have any questions, contact Christel VandeVoorde at 999-1234.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO VOLUNTEERED YOUR TIME, TALENTS AND TREAT-MAKING ABILITIES FOR OUR STAFF AT CLS! EVERYONE ENJOYED STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK IN MAY! A SPECIAL THANKS TO DEB BROWN FOR COORDINATING AND ORGANIZING THE WEEK’S ACTIVITIES.



ALUMNI NEWS Former CLS Student Daniel Booth was recently named principal of Carbondale Community High School. He is one of the youngest high school principals in Illinois and received high praise in the newspaper article announcing his appointment. He forwarded a copy of the article to us along with a note that said in part, “I can’t help but to think about the education, morals, values and character that I received while a K-8 student at CLS. When I received my latest promotion, many people would ask or say “wow you are so young...you must have had a great upbringing.” I always agree, but I also point back to the times that I had at CLS as the foundation to everything that I have achieved today.” We thank Daniel for his kind words and wish him God’s richest blessings in his new position.

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SUMMER SHOOTOUT Thanks to Mr. Teske and all the volunteers who put on our Summer Shootout in June. We were blessed with great weather. The tournament was won by Immanuel, Palatine on the boy’s side and by Trinity, Edwardsville on the girl’s side.

BAND . Students in grades 4-8 are eligible to participate in band. Students must be prepared with their instrument and lesson books at school on lesson days and take the instrument home to **practice, practice, practice**. The cost is \$100.00 per semester per child. Students must have their own instrument. Kidder Music Service will be here on Wednesday, August 31st from 4:00-6:00 p.m. to arrange instrument rentals. You are not obligated to rent from Kidder. Your child can use an instrument that you already own, or can borrow, etc. The only other parent responsibility is to support and **encourage, encourage, encourage**.

GOLF OUTING AND AUCTION REVIEW Our 12th annual golf outing and dinner was held on Saturday, July 16th and the event was very successful. We had 131 golfers participate at Coyote Creek. God blessed us with a nice, warm day. The afternoon continued with more fun and fellowship as we shared a delicious meal. We thank all of the participants, sponsors and our wonderful volunteers. This year’s winners were:

A Flight – Team Wolfmeyer

B Flight – Team Rowe


C Flight – Team Kilgus

WAYS TO HELP THE SCHOOL RAISE MONEY AS YOU SHOP:

- Use Scrip purchased from the school for a number of grocery stores, restaurants, and retail outlets.
- When shopping at Office Depot give the cashier our school ID # 70034099.
- If you have a Target charge card, designate CLS as the recipient of their education program.
- Designate Christ Lutheran as the rebate recipient at GFS and Office Max.

PLEASE SAVE AND SEND INTO SCHOOL: The following companies offer benefits to school’s for sending in proofs of purchase for their products – everything from cash to ink for our printers. All of these programs are certainly worth while, but they do take time. If you can help with sorting, counting and preparing packages of these things to ship, please contact Mr. Teske. He will be most grateful!

- Campbell’s Soup Labels. Please send in the UPC code, (NOT the front of the label) for Campbell’s, Pepperidge farm, Franco American, Spaghettios, and Swanson products. Lids are needed for V8 products. (i.e.... Splash, Infusion) If it is a 5 point product, please make sure that is visible.
- Box Tops for Education: Look for these and send them in:


the difference
can make.
- Laser Cartridges, Ink Jet Cartridges, and Cell Phones. We do not get credit for toner cartridges from copy machines and some remanufactured cartridges.
- Nabisco cookie wrappers such as Chips Ahoy, Oreo, Nutter Butter, Fig Newtons, and others. Please send in the entire wrapper. We do not need the plastic trays.
- Capri Sun and Honest Kids drink Pouches. Remove the straw and cut open the bottom of the pouch and rinse.
- Candy wrappers. Mars/Wrigley and Cadbury products. These include: Skittles, Twix, M&M’s, Snickers, and others.
- Chip Bags. Frito Lay products such as Lays potato chips, Cheetos, Doritos, and Fritos
- Tyson project A+ labels on Tyson products.