

# 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 always have a few changes each school year. We are excited about the coming year and these changes as they will help make Christ Lutheran a better school. Please read through this material and call if you have any questions.

**TUITION:** We use the services of SMART Tuition. **Families electing not to enroll with Smart Tuition will be charged \$90 more per year to offset in-school handling costs.**

Tuition may be paid monthly over 10 months beginning in August and ending in May or over 9 months beginning in September and ending in May. Parents can also choose to pay tuition semi-annually in September and January or quarterly in September, December, March and May. Payments to Smart Tuition can be made by check, money order, automatic deduction, credit card or online.

## ENROLLED IN SMART TUITION

<u>Frequency of Payment</u>	<u>1 Child - \$2655</u>	<u>2 Children - \$3735</u>	<u>3+ Children - \$4860</u>
10 Monthly Payments: August – May	\$ 265.50	\$ 373.50	\$ 486.00
9 Monthly Payments: September – May	\$ 295.00	\$ 415.00	\$ 540.00
Quarterly: September, December, March, May	\$ 663.75	\$ 933.75	\$ 1215.00
Semi-Annually: September and January	\$ 1327.50	\$ 1867.50	\$ 2430.00
Annually: September	\$ 2655.00	\$ 3735.00	\$ 4860.00

Registration fees, band fees and lunch fees will still be paid in the school office.

**REGISTRATION DAY:** Registration for the 2009-2010 School Year will be on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**MRS. SYMONDS BACK:** Finally, we are excited to announce that Mrs. Symonds plans to return as our school librarian this fall. We are thankful that her health has improved and we pray that God will continue to heal and strengthen her. We are also most grateful to Mrs. Magnusson for filling in so ably last year.

There is a benefit planned for Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from noon to 5:00 p.m. at the ITOO Hall on Farmington Road to help the Symonds family with some of the expenses they incurred during Sharon's long illness. There will be a spaghetti dinner, a silent auction and live entertainment. Watch for more information in the September newsletter.

God's Blessings,  
Terry Mooney



### REGISTRATION NEWS Monday,

August 17<sup>th</sup> is the big day.

Registration for the 2009-2010 school year will be held 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 \$125 for each child in the family. You should also be prepared to fill out your SMART Tuition enrollment if you have not already done so. 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.

### REQUIRED PURCHASES Bibles and Catechisms

will be available for purchase at \$10.00 each at registration. All students in 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade are required to have an NIV Bible, and students in 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade will need a catechism. Student planners costing \$3.50 each are required for students in grades 4-8 and will be handed out in the classrooms. They are to be paid for with registration. PE Uniforms are required for 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and may be ordered at registration.

### SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS OF 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

Since more than two-thirds of the nation's students still perform below the proficient level in writing, Christ Lutheran School has implemented a writing program called *My Access*. The program provides some excellent tools to help the students with their writing. They also get immediate feedback when they submit their work on-line. Students will use it throughout the curriculum including test taking, writing reports and research projects. It is preferred that your child have the internet at home and that he or she work on writing projects as part of homework. If the internet is not available, the computer lab at school is open after school on most days.

The cost for a one year subscription for each child is \$25.00 and will be added to the registration fee. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Mooney or the school office.

### SCHOOL BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday – Friday</u>
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.

**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 be reminded 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 skorts should have a minimum inseam length of 6 inches. Skirt or short length can be measured by having your daughter put her hands at her sides. If the skirt length is higher than her fingertips, it is too short.



### CLS GARAGE SALE

We hope you will join us for our 6<sup>th</sup> 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. The sale will be open at these times:

Thursday	August 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Friday	August 14 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Saturday	August 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**The SCHOOL CALENDAR, the CHOIR SCHEDULE FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR, will be **HANDED OUT AT REGISTRATION. Watch for them!****

**ROOM VOLUNTEERS** A Room Volunteer's primary responsibility is to the PTL board. It is for those who want to be involved, but are unable to attend meetings. There should be one to two people per grade. A Room Volunteer would be a person that the PTL board can call to assist with functions that are done by each grade.

The PTL member for your grade will communicate with you regarding dinners, school events, etc. As Room Volunteer you will communicate with parents of your class for things the PTL would like your help with. This communication may involve notes going home and phone calls. Things you may be asked to help with may include:

- Taking class/individual photos for special events
- Encouraging friendly class competitions/class participation
- Helping promote fundraising activities (i.e. encouraging your class to sell, perhaps placing a goal chart in your room...)
- Coordinate with or assist teachers with activities/parties as needed

The Room Volunteer will be in contact with the class's PTL member in regards to questions, and to report progress on an event. The PTL representative will report back to the board, as well as assist the Room Volunteer as needed.

Room Volunteers will not be expected to attend PTL meetings. PTL minutes will be sent out monthly in the school newsletter.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** - The "CLS Parent Volunteer Program is enters its second year in 2009 -2010. Each school family's parents 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, August 17<sup>th</sup>, to explain the program and sign parents up 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.

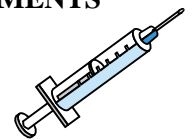
**Please remember if you choose not to participate a \$250.00 fee will be assessed.**

## **VOLUNTEERS MAKE THINGS HAPPEN!**

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> of the child's kindergarten, second grade and sixth grade school years.

**Eye Exam** - Before October 15<sup>th</sup> 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**



### **SPORTS**

**PHYSICALS** Christ Lutheran School requires students participating in competitive sports and cheerleading to have a physical exam every two


years. Students who have not had a physical for more than two years need to have a physical if they plan to participate in baseball, volleyball, basketball, cheerleading or track.

**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 Darla Heuermann at 637-3217.

**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 will no longer receive a letter in the mail. The school office will pull direct certifications from the State's secure website.

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

**YEARBOOKS** for the past school year (2008-2009) will soon be available. They won't be in until after registration day. However the final proof has been okayed and the books are being printed. 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 \$18.00.

 **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.**

**BAND** . Students in grades 4-8 are eligible to participate in band. Students must be prepared with their instrument and lesson books to 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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

**GOLF OUTING AND AUCTION REVIEW** Our 10<sup>th</sup> annual golf outing, dinner and auction was held on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> and the event was very successful. We had 148 golfers participate at Coyote Creek. God blessed us with a beautiful day and very mild weather. The afternoon continued with a delicious meal and some great bargains at the auction. We thank all of the participants and our wonderful volunteers.

#### **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:**

- ❖ Campbell's and Campbell Cousins labels and proofs of purchase
- ❖ Used Ink jet and Laser printer cartridges
- ❖ General Mills Cereal Boxtops for Education
- ❖ Old Cell Phones