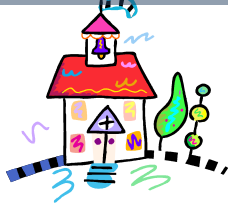


Christ Lutheran School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Friends of Christ Lutheran School,

The beginning of a new school year is an opportunity for new beginnings. Each student begins a new school year with a new teacher and new friends. In one sense, the slate is clean and we start anew.

This new start is a great time to remember some of the basics that promote academic success. Successful students aren't successful by accident. It takes hard work and dedication from both students and parents. The following is a list of things you can do to help your child succeed. Remember, the effort you put into parenting now will pay great dividends in your child's future.

1. Set and maintain a basic educational time table. This includes a consistent pattern for dinner, homework or studying and bedtime. Children need a routine and they need to be well rested.
2. Have a consistent, quiet place for your child to do school work. Don't allow him/her to have a television on or music playing.
3. Work comes before play. Children should do their school work before they get on the computer, watch television, play outside, etc.
4. Be involved in your child's school work. Check his/her planner so that you know what assignments are due and which tests are coming. Check their work and help them study for tests, but don't do the work for them.
5. Make sure your child is at school on time and well prepared. A student that runs in late starts off behind and that can last the entire day.
6. Model the qualities you want your child to develop. Children watch and listen to the actions and works of their parents. Don't say one thing and do another. If you want your child to be responsible, organized, and determined, demonstrate those traits yourself.
7. Don't make excuses for his mistakes. Let him suffer the consequences. We all experience consequences when we make mistakes, so don't teach your child that he won't experience those consequences. If he leaves his homework or PE clothes at home, allow him to suffer those consequences. He will never become more responsible if you continually make up for his mistakes.
8. Be supportive of your child's teacher. Let your child know that the teacher and you are on the same team. If you have questions, always treat your child's teacher in a polite and respectful manner.

The teachers and I look forward to working with you and your child throughout the year. We pray the Lord's blessings on your child as we work together.

God's Blessings,
Mr. Mooney



AUCTION HELP IS NEEDED. CLS will host an auction and dinner on Saturday, October 29th at the Four Points by Sheraton (formerly 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. Tickets are available in the school office.
- Share the names of businesses that might be willing to support the event.

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 8th. 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.



MAKE SURE YOU SAVE THE DATE

(Saturday, October 29th) and plan on joining us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Not only will you enjoy a great meal, but you can bid on hundreds of items: vacations, student projects, basketball tickets and much more.



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Casual Day on Friday, September 2

Labor Day – No School on Monday, September 5

School Pictures on Thursday, September 8

\$2.00 Casual Day on Friday, September 16

Pizza Day on Friday, September 30

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.

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 the 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 May \$200 was sent to Japan Disaster Relief through the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

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.
- 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 parents meeting on Tuesday, August 30th 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.

JEHAN GORDON TO VISIT CHRIST LUTHERAN On Thursday, September 1st State Representative Jehan Gordon will visit our school and speak to our students at 10:00 a.m. You are welcome to join us.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY will be celebrated on Sunday, September 29th. It is the one Sunday of the year when we ask all of our students (K-8) to participate in the services at

Christ Lutheran Church. Please join us as we give praise to God and thanks to our congregation for our school. Feel free to invite friends and relatives.

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.

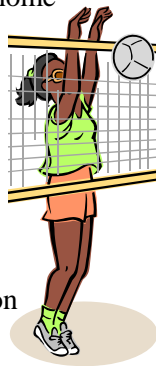
GARAGE SALE A big thank you to Sandy Wyss and everyone who made donations, helped set up or worked during our sale. The PTL earned \$1440.42! Our garage sale is an annual event. Keep it in mind and if you want to make a donation for next year's sale, call Sandy Wyss at 712-3624. Great job everyone!



OUR FALL FUNDRAISER began on Thursday, August 25th. We ask all of you to support this effort to the best of your ability as it is a major fundraiser for our school. **Orders are due on Thursday, September 15th.** 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	1	Home vs Good Shepherd JV at 4:30 / Varsity at 5:30
Thu	Sep	8	Home vs Bethel, Morton JV at 4:30 / Varsity at 5:30
Mon	Sep	26	Home vs Concordia JV at 4:30 / Varsity at 5:30
Thu	Sep	29	Home vs Trinity, Bloomington JV at 5:00 / Varsity at 6:00



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

SCRIP Don’t forget to see Mary Ryan to get scrip coupons which can be used at a number of grocery stores, gas stations, 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.**

TOWELS, RAGS, FORKS These are some of the items that we can use at school. If you have extra or come across these items and a garage sale, your donation will be appreciated!

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. The date is set for Friday, September 23rd. 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, August 31st 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.



Are you willing to lead your child's scouting activities? This is also another opportunity to earn volunteer hours if you are interested in helping out with a Cub, Brownie or Boy Scout troop.



DANCE AND MARTIAL ARTS Both are new activities being offered at Christ Lutheran on Wednesday afternoons. If

you are interested in either class (or both), call the school office at 637-1512.



PHONE USE AT CLS The school will now "charge" 25¢ for students making local phone calls. This will help offset the significant phone bill that results from students using the phone.



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.